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## COL. THOS. S. KENAN ENTERS INTO REST

**Distinguished North Carolinian Passed Away in Raleigh Yesterday Morning.**

### HONORED AND LOVED IN STATE

**Commanded Forty-Third Regiment During Civil War—Funeral This Afternoon—Supreme Court Adjourns Sine Die.**

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Raleigh and North Carolina are tonight mourning the death of Col. Thos. S. Kenan, for 26 years clerk of the Supreme Court, whose death occurred this morning. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Col. Kenan commanded the Forty-Third Regiment during the Civil War and was wounded in the assault at Gettysburg and taken prisoner. He was scholarly and honorable in all his relations. He was 74 years old. Members of the Supreme Court paid nigh tribute to his ability and character today.

Col. Kenan had been in poor health for some time and while the announcement of his death was not unexpected, it came as a shock to family and friends throughout the State. A more courtly gentleman never graced a court than Col. Kenan. Tall, handsome, he was conspicuous in any gathering. Intellectual and with a kindly humor all his own, he made many friends and lasting ones. His death will come with sadness and sorrow to thousands of friends everywhere.

Col. Kenan was married to Miss Sallie Dortch, daughter of the late Dr. Lewis Dortch, of Edgecombe, May 20, 1868, who survives him. He is also survived by a brother, Capt. James G. Kenan, who lives at Kenansville. Another brother, Capt. W. R. Kenan, of Wilmington, died in 1903.

For four years Col. Kenan had been in poor health and on several occasions it was thought he could not live a week. His superb fighting spirit, however, triumphed, and when he gave up the battle he was exhausted with his efforts. He was a grand man.

No better sketch of Col. Thos. S. Kenan has been written than one prepared several years ago by Mr. C. S. Wooten, of LaGrange, one of the ablest and most resourceful writers of North Carolina. Writing of Col. Kenan at that time, which applies equally as well now, Mr. Wooten said of him:

Thomas S. Kenan was born near Kenansville, in Duplin county, N. C., on the 12th of February, 1838. The Kenan family are Scotch-Irish. Thomas Kenan, the founder of the family, came to this country about 175 years ago and settled in Duplin county. His son James was a colonel in the Revolutionary war and subsequently was appointed brigadier general of the militia, and the organization was kept up until the war of 1861. His son, Thomas, was a member of the Legislature and a member of Congress from 1804 to 1814. His son, Owen R., was a member of the Legislature in 1834, '35, '36, and a member of the Confederate Congress in 1861. He lived the life of a Southern planter and died in 1887, aged 83 years. I saw him while he was in the Confederate Congress and he was a very handsome man, stately, dignified and graceful in every movement. I have never seen a more perfect type of the old-time Southern gentleman than he was. His manners were easy and natural, and there were no airs about him. He was about six feet high and would weigh about 180 pounds. There was no man in the Confederate Congress who was more loyal to the Confederate cause than he. He was not a politician after the style of some of the members, but he was the soul of honor; proud, pure and patriotic. He was too pure to do a mean act; indeed, purity was stamped upon his brow. Moore, in describing purity in a woman says:

"A spirit pure as hers
Is always pure, even while it errs,
As sunshine broken in the rill
Though turned aside is sunshine still."

Owen L. Kenan was the father of Col. Thomas S. Kenan and his mother was the daughter of Dr. Stephen Graham, also of Duplin county. Col. Kenan was prepared for college at Grove Academy, near Kenansville, then under the charge of Rev. James M. Sprunt, who was a Presbyterian divine, born in Scotland. Mr. Sprunt was educated at the best colleges and universities of that country and was a finished and cultured scholar. I heard him preach on one occasion and his sermon was scholarly, with elegant diction, chaste language, glowing rhetoric, and was a perfect literary gem. Young Kenan was fortunate in having a man of such culture and taste as his instructor. The pupil will necessarily partake of the qualities of his teacher. He cannot help it. After being prepared for college, he went to Wake Forest and thence to the University, where he graduated in 1857. He read law with Judge Pearson, receiving his county court license in December, 1858, and his Superior Court license in 1859. He immediately commenced the practice of the law in Kenansville.

At that time Col. W. J. Houston and Col. W. A. Allen were the leading members of the bar in Kenansville. I never knew Col. Houston, but I have heard him spoken of as an eloquent orator and a fine lawyer. He was in the Senate of North Carolina before the war and was solicitor of the second judicial district. He was a colonel in the Confederate army and was killed in battle. Col. Allen I knew well. He was a good lawyer, not brilliant, but a man of sound judgment, and was a noble, true and an honest Christian man. He was modest, unassuming, easy, gentle in his manners and tender as a woman. He was the father of the two Judges Allen, now

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## FOR THE PRESENT CHINA IS QUIET

**Fighting Activities Have Apparently Ceased, at Least Temporarily.**

### JAPANESE FEAR SOCIALISM

**This They Think Would Develop if a Republic is Established and Are Supporting the British Monarchial Plan.**

Peking, Dec. 23.—Apparently the fighting has ceased, at least temporarily, in China. No reports have been received recently of activities between the Imperialists and the revolutionaries, but minor engagements have occurred with robber bands, which continue to increase. Officials here expect that the armistice will be renewed after December 31st. It is believed in Peking that Tang Sho Yi, Premier Yuan's representative, has not communicated the Premier's reply to the Republican leaders at Shanghai because it is not satisfactory. Yuan Shi Kai has declared that under no circumstances will he accept a Republic.

That Yuan also will refuse to accept the proffered Presidency of the proposed Republic is considered certain even by those who believe he is a self-seeker. They assert that if a Republic is forced upon him Yuan Shi Kai will relinquish the Premiership and, recognizing the difficulties of the first President's position, will await the country's call to save it from disaster. It is reliably stated that the Premier is able to continue the government for several weeks, perhaps months, yet, without a foreign loan.

It is thought the Japanese government fears the development of socialism in Japan should a successful Republic be established in China. Hence the Japanese legation is supporting the British plan in advocacy of a monarchy. The British fear possible disorders in Mongolia, Thibet and Turkestan, with ambitious Russian officers within and along the borders endeavoring to implicate their governments in territorial designs, although the Russian and British governments are co-operating apparently to restore order.

### THE MORNER MURDER

**Another Man is Arrested Charged With Connection With Crime**

Derby, Conn., Dec. 23.—Edward Di Bonato, 19 years old, was arrested here this afternoon by a detective from the office of the District Attorney at Albany, N. Y., on suspicion of knowing something of the murder of the Morner family at DeFreestville, Rensselaer county, New York, about December 12th. DiBonato expressed his willingness to go to Albany and left shortly afterwards in custody of the officer for that city.

DiBonatos arrest, it is asserted, resulted from a search of the immigration records at New York which showed that the only Edward DiBonato which has come to this country in the last five years is the young man who was located here.

Friends of DiBonato say he has been living here since March, 1909, and was at work at Ansonia at the time of the murder. They declare he will have no difficulty in proving an alibi

According to the detective his appearance corresponds closely with that of the missing farm hand for whom the New York authorities have been looking.

### TWO MEN HELD UP

**Were Guarding Satchel Containing $2,000 on Patterson, N. J., Street**

Patterson, N. J., Dec. 23.—Two men, armed with automatic revolvers, held up Frederick Wilde, a manufacturer, and a city detective, who were guarding a satchel contaiing $2,000, on the street here today. The detective, John H. Tracey, was shot in the leg in the struggle, but the money, which had just been drawn from a bank for the Christmas pay roll of a shirt factory, was saved. The highwaymen escaped and up to a late hour tonight no trace had been found of them Traceys injury may cripple him for life.

### CHEERS MINER'S CHILDREN

**Big Christmas Tree Given to Children of Dead Miners**

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—A mammoth Christmas tree for the 200 or more children made fatherless by the Cross Mountain explosion of December 9th, was given at Briceville this afternoon. The gifts consisting of clothing, toys and confections, purchased with funds contributed especially for the purpose by men, women and children in many States.

## PROPOSE NEW RECALL SYSTEM

**Arizona Legislature Will be Asked to Adopt Swiss System in Preference to Oregon System of Recall.**

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 23.—When the Legislature convenes in Phoenix in February, it will be asked to adopt the Swiss system of recall and let the Oregon system, which was voted out of the constitution on December 12th on the ultimatum of President Taft go by the board.

The essential significance between the Swiss system and the Oregon plan is that under the former the only thing voted on in a recall election is the recall of the accused official and in the event of his elimination, the Governor appoints his successor.

A. A. Worsley, a State Senator elected from Tucson, will propose the new recall system. He is now at work on the measure and will defend it on the ground that under the Oregon system an official under fire is handicapped by a double fight, a struggle not only to retain his position and refute charges against him, but a struggle also against an opposing candidate. Worsley's bill will provide that when a recall is re-submitted to the people for incorporation in the constitution the Oregon and Swiss plans shall be placed on the ballot so voters may choose between them.

### OPPOSE RETALIATORY MEASURE

**Don't Want Duty to be Placed on United States Exports.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The progressists and members of the left will oppose the Octoberist motion in the Duma pertaining to retaliatory measures against the United States. Yesterday M. Guchtoff and others representing the Octoberist and Nationalist parties which control a majority in the Duma introduced a proposal to provide or tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the treaty of 1832. The proposal aims at an increase in the existing Russian duties by 100 per cent. and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent. on articles admitted free under the present tariff.

The opponents of this measure object to it on the ground that Russian consumers will suffer greatly, especially in the matter of cotton.

Dispatches from Moscow say that many of the leading commercial men decry a tariff war against the United States.

### ROBBED CHARITABLES

**Employes of Charitable Institutions Took Money From Inmates**

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Charges that inmates of Cook county charitable institutions of Dunning have been robbed of money and personal property valeud at many thousands of dollars by employes, were made today by Dr. Stephen J. Pistrowicz, recently appointed superintendent.

An audit company engaged in examining the books of the institutions has, it is said, discovered the facts, amounting to $2,000 in a few days' work.

President Bartzen, of the county board, declares that the inmates have been systematically robbed for years by the employes and that the total may reach $100,000 when the investigation is concluded.

### STEVE JOHN'S CASE

**Two Thousand Dollar Bond Sufficient For Gypsy King**

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—In the matter of bail for Steve John, the Gypsy king, wanted in Pulaski county, Arkansas, for perjury, Chief Justice Clark tonight ruled that a bond of $2,000 would be sufficient surety and ordered his release from the custody of officers of New Hanover county, pending Governor Kitchin's decision in the matter of the extradition from the State of Arkansas.

Farris' Bakery will be open Monday. Hot bread, fireworks, cakes. No delivery. **

## MUST STAND FOR EXPENSE

**National Baseball Commission Refuses to Re-imburse New York National League For Refunded Money**

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—The National Baseball Commission in a finding handed down today refused to re-imburse the New York National League club for money that was refunded by the club to patrons for tickets that did not reach them through the mail during the last world's series or through a misdirection of some kind.

The commission held that inasmuch as the New York club had full charge of the sales of tickets, it must stand for any expense incurred in the satisfying of its patron.

Three hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents was asked for. Included in this was a claim of $13.50 for five patrons, each of whom held a numbered ticket for which there was not a corresponding seat. The commission agreed to allow this small claim, however, and will pay it out of its general funds rather than assess all of the players and clubs that profited by the series.

In another finding $500, the last installment from the Pittsburg club, for player Murray (or Quigley) was turned over to the National Association with directors to pay it to whom it belonged. Since the sale the Missoula club of the Union League, from whom Murray was purchased, has changed hands.

### LARGE GATHERING EXPECTED.

**Convention of American Assn. for the Advancement of Science.**

Washington, Dec. 23.—The largest convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science ever held, is expected to be that which will meet here next week, beginning Wednesday, and lasting through Saturday, when several thousand members of the organization and affiliated bodies will be present. There are 11 sections of the association and 30 affiliated scientific societies. Frequently more than 20 meetings will be going on at the same time in various places. Numerous receptions and social events, including a special cavalry drill at Fort Myer, have been arranged. Trips to Mount Vernon, Alexandria and other places of historic and general interest have been provided for the ladies.

Every possible phase of scientific investigation from papers on "the structure of an atom" to "the asteroid problem," and from discussion of "the cause of high prices," to that of "road building with convict labor," will be considered.

President Taft will make an address of welcome at the opening general session of the convention.

### OUTLINES.

Secretary Knox yesterday had a conference with a Japanese representative in Washington regarding Chinese affairs, and although the discussion was not disclosed it is thought that the conclusion was reached that there is still hope for restoration of peace in the Chinese empire.——Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson's condition is improving from his self-inflicted wounds recently made. His friends are giving him cheer by presenting him with Christmas gifts and flowers. ——The National Baseball Commission has ruled that the New York National League must stand for all expenses incurred by it, and has refused to reimburse it for refund of money to ticket buyers——The Arizona Legislature will be asked to adopt the Swiss system of recall instead of the Oregon system——Col. Thos. S. Kenan, well known throughout the State, died at his home in Raleigh yesterday morning——Two men who were held up by two robbers on the streets of Patterson, N. J., yesterday. The men who were held up had in their charge $2,000 for paying off hands at a shirt factory. One of them was shot, but the money was saved.

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## INSURGENTS ELECT OFFICERS

**Won Supremacy in the Directorate of Elgin Butter Board—Future Plans of the Board Are Outlined.**

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 23.—The struggle for supremacy in the directorate of the Elgin Butter Board between the "regulars" and "insurgents," ended today in a quiet but decisive victory for the "insurgents" faction which elected all their officers.

No action was taken on the proposed abolition of the quotations committee. The directors will meet January 8th to perfect organization of the new board. The new president is Charles H. Potter, of Elgin. Investigation of the legality of the quotation committee of the Elgin Butter Board in reference to the Sherman anti-trust law will be the first official action of the newly elected insurgent officers of the board, according to J. P. Mason, treasurer, who outlined future plans of the board in the absence from the city of Charles H. Potter, who was elected president of the board today.

Question of whether this price committee was operated in violation of the Sherman law was raised by insurgent butter men at the annual election of directors last Monday.

"Federal laws will be inquired into," said Mr. Mason, "and the question of the legality of the quotation committee definitely settled. There has been considerable speculation on this point. The present board wants to do business on the square.

"The majority of the directors are strongly in favor of retaining the quotation committee, but if it is found to be operated in violation of the Sherman law, it will be abolished."

Mr. Mason expressed doubt that the board would be successfully operated without the quotation committee.

"We have got to regulate our price according to other markets," he said. "Without the price committee we would be handicapped to an extent." He said no other radical changes from the policy of the former administration would be made in the near future at least.

"With Mr. Potter's election as president there was expected to come a change in the manner of operating the Elgin board which fixes butter prices in the Middle West and is a standard for America. The new president's idea was to abolish the quotation committee entirely.

This committee was the basis of the insurgency in the board. It operates with the full power of the board and may change or rescind its action at will. It was contended by the insurgents that the committee operated in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

For 22 years this committee has been in full charge of Elgin butter quotation.

### RESIST PROPOSED LAW

**Duluth Protests Against Law Regarding Building Near R. R. Tracks**

Duluth, Minn, Dec. 23.—A proposed law introduced in this session of Congress providing that no building or other obstruction shall be placed nearer a railroad track than six feet, eleven inches, from the center of the track, and that all overhead viaducts, wires, etc., shall allow a clearance of 20 feet from the top of the track rail, is meeting resistence here.

The provision would entail extensive remodelling and moving of buildings in the railroad yards in Duluth, many houses would have to be abandoned, spur tracks and many coal docks, warehouses and factories would have to be entirely rebuilt, it is said.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—William C. Niblack, chairman of the Woodrow Wilson advisory committee in Chicago, today sent a letter to Governor Deneen urging him to call a special session of the Legislature to amend the direct primary election law so that voters may express their preference on Presidential candidates.

Fire Works, Fire Works. A carload, they must be sold, our prices are right. Farris Bakery, 121 So. Front. Also call at Annex, 131 Market. de 18-6t

## TURKS AND ARABS ATTACK ITALIANS

**Skirmish Lasted Six Hours and Several Reported Killed.**

### GERMANY ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

**Hopes to Induce Turkey and Italy to Come to Terms—Italy Offers Indemnity on Account of Tripoli.**

London, Dec. 23.—Only brief reports were received today concerning events in the Turco-Italian war. A dispatch from Tobruk, Tripoli, reports a sharp attack by the Turks and Arabs yesterday which was repulsed after six hours' of fighting. The Italian losses numbered seven killed and 15 wounded. The Turkish casualties are said to have been heavy.

From Massacowa, capital of the Italian colony of Eritrea, comes an account of the seizure by an Italian cruiser in the Red Sea of the Turkish hospital ship Kaiserich. The vessel was flying the Red Cross crescent flag but it was suspected that she was being used as a transport. This suspicion was confirmed by the discovery that there were no medicines, surgical instruments or hospital attendants aboard.

A special dispatch from Saloniki says that a whole officer's corps at Janina, in Albania, has telegraphed to the Grand Vizier and the president of the Chamber of Deputies at Constantinople demanding that the controversies which have been going on in connection with personal questions in the capital must cease and declaring that the army was ready to march to Constantinople if necessary to establish a better state of affairs.

**Several Killed in Skirmish.**

Tripoli, Dec. 23.—Gen. Trombie reports that in the engagement at Derna on December 18th, the Turks had 75 killed. At Tobrunt Friday, an Italian detachment protecting the construction of a fortification was fiercely attacked by large numbers of the enemy. The fighting continued for six hours, with the Italian loss of seven killed and 15 wounded.

**Germany Anxious for Peace.**

Rome, Dec. 23.—The limitation of the war to Tripolitan territory and the absence of any naval action on the part of Italy renders the conclusion of peace less urgent, as the interests of the other powers are not so severely affected as at the beginning of hostilities, when the eastern Mediterranean and Red Sea were included in the scene of operations. All the light houses are again in operation and navigation in these waters has been reestablished. Italy is convinced that even after the conclusion of peace with Turkey the war will continue with the Arabs and the subjugation of the interior will take months, if not years. As peace with Turkey would facilitate matters and curtail expenses, Italy, it is understood, is still ready to pay the porte a considerable amount on account of Tripoli. Germany is anxious for peace and hopes to induce the two countries to come to terms on the basis of the indemnity offered by Italy.

### COL. WATTERSON SPEAKS.

**Addressed Mass Meeting of Representative Citizens at Birmingham.**

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 23.—Colonel Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Ky., in an address before a mass meeting of representative citizens here tonight, in advocacy of the proposed arbitration treaties between the United States and England, took occasion to speak indirectly of Oscar W. Underwood as probable Presidential timber.

The speaker in the midst of his address, declared that he had never been afraid of any executive who had occupied the White House; that he "would not be afraid if the lightning happened to strike this neck of the woods. It might be that these iron furnaces would belch forth a President—the first since the war. If so, I would accept it as a dispensation of providence and act accordingly," asserted the Louisville editor.

### DR. P. R. LAW DEAD.

**Prominent Presbyterian Minister and Editor of Presbyterian Standard.**

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 24.—Dr. P. R. Law, editor of the Presbyterian Standard, and one of the best known Presbyterian clergymen in the South, died suddenly this morning at McColl, S. C. Dr. Law personally performed the ceremony Wednesday evening which united his daughter, Miss Lida Law, to Robert Chambers, president of the Marlboro Cotton Mill. He was 77 years old.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—Johnny Kilbiane, of Cleveland, who is scheduled to meet Abe Attell for the featherweight championship, February 22, at Kernon, Cal., had a shade the better of Charlie White, of Chicago, here tonight in their 12 round bout.

We have the largest line of Xmas Cakes in the city. Fruit Cake, "Home Made." Pound Cake, Citron Cake, Sally White Cake. Call at our Bakery and look for yourself. Farris Bakery, 121 South Front. de 18-6t.

## HOLD HOPE FOR A PEACE AGREEMENT

**Secretary Knox Has Discussion About Chinese Affairs.**

### WOOLD NOT DISCLOSE NATURE

**Probable That Conclusion Was Reached That There is No Reason to Abandon Hope of Peace Restoration**

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Knox conferred today about Chinese affairs with Masanao Hanihara, charge of the Japanese embassy, pending the arrival of the newly appointed ambassador. Neither would disclose the nature of the discussion, but it is undertsood that the conclusion was reached that there was as yet no reason to abandon hope that the Chinese Peace Commissioners in Shanhai would be able to reach a basis of agreement.

The nations interested in a speedy restoration of peace are believed to be earnestly considering the advisability of supplementing their indentic note delivered at the beginning of the peace conference to set out the earnest hope of these nations that success would attend the conference. The supplementary note, if it should be agreed upon probably would make it appear in no uncertain terms that the powers do not propose to look with equanimity upon a resumption of hostilities. A factor that is deterring the element in favor of making such strong representations at this moment is a fear that the effect might be to arouse a feeling of resentment among the Republican advocates in China that not only would endanger the success of the attempt to restore peace but actually would jeopardize the safety of foreigners now in China.

In regard to the rumors of intervention by England and Japan, or one of these countries, it is intimated at the State Department that even if they should appear to be taking the initiative in an offer of mediation they actually would be acting in behalf of all of the six powers interested and with their full approval. In other words, nothing has yet developed to impair the binding force of the understanding into which these six powers entered several weeks ago to act as a unit in dealing with the Chinese situation.

Although the lack of money is becoming keenly manifest in Peking, this understanding among the powers so far as enabled them successfully to resist the most tempting offers of high interest and extraordinary concessions for loans. Moreover, the very lack of funds on both sides, it is thought may tend to hasten the peace negotiations and therefore it seems probable that the six powers will adhere to their determination to refuse loans even though considerable suffering is involved.

### SHOOTING AT LUCAMA

**Dr. W. M. Crocker Fired Upon by His Brother-in-Law**

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 23.—At 10 o'clock this morning Dr. W. M. Crocker, a prominent physician of Lucama, this county, was seriously shot by his wifes brother, Mr. Cleveland Smith, son of Mr. Sell Smith. The shooting occurred in front of Dr. Crockers home after a quarrel at the residence when Dr. Crocker ordered Smith to leave and he was preparing to do so. Your correspondents information is that young Smith walked out of the house and Dr. Crocker followed. Smith shot him on the sidewalk, firing four shots, one of them going wild, one entered his body and the other two his leg. He was immediately placed in a buggy and brought to the Wilson Sanitorium. The cause was a family trouble, a disagreement between Dr. Crocker and his wife, Smith taking the part of his sister. Dr. Crocker was brought to Wilson this morning immediately after the shooting and conveyed to the sanitorium where at 2 o'clock he was operated upon. His wounds are not necessarily fatal. Crockers alleged mistreatment of his wife, Smith's sister, was stated as the cause of the affair. They are all leading people of the county.

### JUDGE DISCHARGED PRISONERS.

**Didn't Want to be Responsible for Their Christmas Behind Bars.**

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—The Christmas spirit melted the heart of Judge Kimmel in the police court today. In effect, he said: "Good morning prisoners. You're all discharged."

Seventeen defendants were in court to answer peace disturbances and minor charges. In every case Judge Kimmel discharged the accused, saying: "Christmas is at hand. I don't want to be responsible for any poor unfortunate spending Christmas behind the bars."

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 23.—Governor Emmett O'Neil today paroled for life 26 convicts and from 20 to 90 days four others as his Christmas gift to Alabama prisoners. Those paroled had been convicted of crimes ranging from robbery to murder.

## ..Theatrical..

One of the big events of the theatrical season locally, will be the presentation of the comedy success of two continents, "The Chorus Lady," by James Forbes, author of "The Traveling Salesman," and "The Commuters," and photographs the life of the chorus girl, who knows the "phony" from the "real", and "phony" here applies to the froth and bubble of flattery thrown at the girl behind the footlights by male admirers. Patricia's little sister, Nora, does not know the difference between the two, and when she becomes a member of the same theatrical organization to which Patricia belongs, it becomes the latter's duty, as she sees it, to guard against the flattery that the pretty girl of the chorus is sure to receive.

Horse racing and amusements loved by the chorus girl and the millionaire, do not fail in their charm for Patricia's sister. Luck goes with her for a while, then she places bets for her girl friends and one day when there is a large amount "down" the "tip" fails.

She must make good to her girl associates. She cannot pay and she cannot face Patricia and her fother, to whom she has faithfully promised not to bet. Disgrace stares hard at her, and then the way out is suddenly offered by the appearance of the friend's partner. She does not know the difference between the "phony" and the "real"; she accepts the offer of assistance from the man, and here the dramatic moments of the play begins.

"The Chorus Lady" will be at the Academy next Saturday, December 30th, for matinee and night, and seats will go on sale at Plummer's next Friday morning.

**At The Bijou.**

And now for Christmas at the gay and popular Bijou. And it is going to be a rouser, too. The Bijou has prepared in most elaborate manner to make the festive event one long to be remembered by all who visit there, and this may with safety be said to include the entire amusement populace of Wilmington, because the Bijou will be jammed Monday. Such is a safe bet, judging by past holiday records at this delightful theatre. The Bijou management will place before the public a great feast tomorrow and will serve it a-steaming and with all the trimmings. The viands include all the latest and most expensive delicacies in the film and music lines, and they will be offered in most attractive manner. Everything will indeed be gala and the person who goes without a Bijou visit tomorrow will be minus a big chunk of joy. One of the greatest dramatic films not only of the day, but ever manufactured, will head tomorrow's big bill. It will be "A Frontier Girl's Courage," and it will not only prove a blood stirrer for excitement and furnish a great quantity of beautiful scenery to fascinate the vision, but it will really prove instructive, showing pioneer days vividly and in detail. The travel by emigrant train and the attack by Indians make up the most sensational and graphic work ever done in moving pictures. Of course, there will be plenty of smile-pictures tomorrow.

**Holiday at The Grand Theatre.**

The management of the Grand Theatre has "laid itself out," so to speak, in the selection of a great big holiday offering for Monday and the Yuletide merrymakers cannot well finish their day's pleasures without a visit to this delightful light amusement palace. "Molly Pitcher," in a big photoplay production by Kalem, will be found unusually strong, being, as it is, a page from United States history so graphically and beautifully told as to entrance, instruct and delight. It is an historic incident of the American Revolution in which the wife of Hayes, the gunner, while fighting at Monmouth, is wounded and his wife takes his place. It is a story that will stir the patriotism of every true American and will show that the heroism of woman is sometimes equal to, if not greater, than that of the sterner sex. Another film will be a Lubin, "The Teamster," in which Jim Logan of the Army fell in love with fair Clara Myers, who nursed him to health, and what became of it. Another big feature on Monday will be a march, "Wilmington," by the orchestra, dedicated to Mr. J. M. Solky, the clever and popular manager of The Grand. It is composed by Prof. A. Barbey with music by Mr. Al. Morgan. Chritmas at The Grand will be a day long to be remembered and the small prices will still obtain.

### MR. J. D. LATHAM DEAD

**Passed Away Yesterday Morning at Home of His Sister**

Mr. John Dawson Latham died yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Nash, No. 519 South Third street, following a period of ill health extending over several years, though it only developed into a serious stage about a week ago. He was only 33 years of age and was a young man of high character and most likable disposition. He was a railroad engineer and had hundreds of friends here and elsewhere, all of whom will be deeply grieved to learn of his passing.

The deceased is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. W. N. Cronly, one sister, Mrs. Robert N. Nash, and one brother, Mr. Harry Latham, all of this city, except Mrs. Latham, who is a native of Florence, S. C.

The remains will be carried to Florence, S. C., on the 5:30 o'clock train this morning and the funeral and interment will be there.

**Reported Murder at Ashton.**

Report reached this city yesterday to the effect that Mr. L. Walker, of Ashton, was murdered in that town Friday evening by a negro who is commonly known in the community as "Stiff." A knife wound is said to have caused death and it is also reported that a knife was used by Mr. Walker, who seriously stabbed the negro. Mr. Walker is said to have been the father of Mr. J. D. Walker, a Coast Line flagman, who is reported to be ill at his boarding house in this city. The family lives about six miles from Burgaw. The police had not received any notice last night of a murder or any trouble at Ashton.

**"The Teamster"**

Big Lubin production in moving pictures at The Grand Theatre and 4 latest song by Mr. Harry Morgan. Spend Christmas merrily at The Grand. **

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

**Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.**

St. Thoms' church—First mass, 7 A. M.; last mass sermon, 10:30 A. M.; vespers, 7:45 P. M.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Market and Seventeenth streets.—Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of Lesson Sermon: "Christ Jesus." All are invited.

St. John's church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector. Holy communion at 7:30 A. M. Service and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday school, Christmas service, 4 P. M. Special Christmas eve service and sermon, 8 P. M. Seats free at all services. A cordial invitation to all.

Grace M. E. church, corner 4th and Grace streets, Rev. J. C. Wooten, pastor—11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., sermon by the pastor; 3:30, Sunday school, L. B. Rogers, superintendent. Special Christmas music. The public is invited to attend all these services.

Fifth Street Methodist church, corner Fifth and Nun streets, Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M., on "The Incarnation." At 7:30 P. M. brief talks will be made by H. G. Bowden, J. B. Huntington and the pastor on the "Meaning of Christmas." The public is cordially invited. Special Christmas music at both services.

Christian church, Dock street near Fourth, H. C. Bowen, pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45 A. M. Preaching, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., on Christmas topics. Special music at both services. Christian Endeavor, 6:45 P. M. Prayer meeting Thursday, 8 P. M.

St. Mary's church, Fifth and Ann streets —First mass, 7 A. M.; last mass, 10:30 A. M. No evening services. For Christmas: First mass, 6 A. M.; last mass, 10:30 A. M.

Trinity Methodist church, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. E. C. Sell, pastor. —Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Everybody invited to these services.

### MR. C. M. BRANCH DEAD.

**Passed Away at Late Hour Last Night at Home of His Mother—Funeral.**

Particularly sad, at this gladsome season of the year, is the death of Mr. C. M. Branch, 26 years old, son of Mrs. Dora Branch, and a well known car inspector of the Atlantic Coast Line, which occurred at 11 o'clock last night at the family home, No. 16 Queen street, after a lingering illness. He was a young man of exemplary habits, a devoted member of Immanuel Presbyterian church, and was held in the highest esteem by everyone in the range of his acquaintance. He was a member of Jeff Davis Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., and a Past Councilor of the order, always devoted to its work and interests. Mr. Branch is survived by his mother, one sister, Miss Fannie Pearl Branch, and one brother, Mr. Simon Branch. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of a host of friends in their sorrow.

The funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon, from the residence, No. 16 Queen street, and the remains will be laid to rest in Bellevue. Members of both Jeff Davis and George Washington Councils, Jr. O. U. A. M., are requested to assemble at the saddened home this afternoon at the hour named and attend the services. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel church.

### SUSPENDS FOR HOLIDAYS.

**Hookworm Campaign in This County to be Resumed in January.**

With the examination of 60 persons at the Court House yesterday, approximately 50 per cent. of whom were found to be infected, the hookworm campaign which has been in progress in this county for four weeks came to a close until after the holidays. Dr. C. L. Pridgen, who is in charge of the work in this county, and Mrs. Pridgen will spend part of the holidays in this city and the remainder at Kinston, for which place they will leave Tuesday. Dr. Pridgen said last night that the campaign will be resumed January 2nd and continued for two weeks. Up to last night there had been examined in the county 1,120 persons, of whom 50 per cent. were found to be infected.

### PORT NEWS.

**Six Clearances Made Yesterday—Foreign and Coastwise Exports.**

Four schooners and two steamers cleared the Wilmington port yesterday.

Schr. Edward R. Baird, Jr., cleared for Baltimore with a cargo of pine lumber from Camp Manufacturing Co.

Schr. Augustus H. Babcock cleared for New York with a cargo of pine and oak cross-ties. The shipment was made by the G. T. & W. A. Flynn.

Schr. White Wings cleared with a large cargo of kiln dried lumber for Philadelphia. C. D. Maffitt made the shipment.

Schr. Bayard Hopkins left for Georgetown without cargo.

British steamer Glenway cleared with a cargo of cotton for Havre from Alexander Sprunt & Son.

**Steve John Taken to Raleigh**

Steve John, the Gypsy leader arrested here several days ago on a warrant from Pulaski county, Arkansas, was carried to Raleigh yesterday by Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox for a hearing before Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, to ascertain whether he could be released on bond pending Governor Kitchin's decision in the matter of granting extradition papers, for wihch requisition has been made. A telegram from Raleigh last night announced the fact that Judge Clark held that $2,000 bond would be sufficient, and if John cares to put up this amount he will be released. Chief Deputy Sheriff Hawkins, of Pulaska county, Arkansas, arrived yesterday morning and is awaiting the outcome of the matter.

**Received Gold-Handled Umbrella**

Members of the city health department yesterday presented to Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, city superintendent of health, a handsome gold-handled silk umbrella with the following engraved on it: "To his associates of the health department in appreciation." Dr. John Thames, assistant superindent, presented the gift in a well-worded and eloquent speech, to which Dr. Nesbitt replied feelingly. Dr. Nesbitt also remembered each of the "boys" with a handsome present.

**Great Reduction in Prices.**

Attention of the clothing buying public is called to the advertisement of Messrs. Shrier & Solomon, which may be found elsewhere in today's paper. They have made great reductions in prices and quote some figures in another column that will be found quite interesting.

We have the largest line of Xmas Cakes in the city. Fruit Cake, "Home Made." Pound Cake, Citron Cake, Sally White Cake. Call at our Bakery and look for yourself. Farris Bakery, 121 South Front. de 18-6t.

### THE DEADLY TYPHOID

**Experts Declare Disease Dreaded More Than Smallpox**

Washington, Dec. 23.—Just at this season of the year, when it is more agreeable to think of holly and mistletoe and the tinkling of the Christmas bells across the glistening snow than to ponder seriously over microbes, bacilli and the thousands and one other forms of life-destroying parasites to which human man is heir. But when such men as Logan Waller Page, John R. Mohler and Erwin F. Smith, all experts in the United States Department of Agriculture, insist the danger signal, it is time to take notice, lest the spirit of levity which now prevails over the land make us lose sight of many phases of importance in everyday life.

Telling the bad news quickly, these experts say "typhoid fever is a communicable disease more to be dreaded on the whole than smallpox, because at present in countries which practice vaccination smallpox is a disease which occurs only occasionally, and is soon stamped out, whereas typhoid fever prevails widely in all civilized countries, attacking by preference the young and middle-aged, and causes not only many deaths every year, but great economic losses. Serious impairment of the heart, and other organs may persist after recovery. In recent years the subject has been brought home in a very emphatic manner.

"The disease is not contagious in the ordinary sense of the word, i. e., it is not usually spread from person to person by touch, as in the case of scarlet fever or smallpox. Careful nurses seldom contract the disease. Generally it is attributed indirectly, the person who contracts the disease having in some way swallowed some of the germs from a previous case.

The disease is now generaly believed to be due to a schizomycete known as bacilli typhosus. The germ causes ulcers on the intestinal walls and also multiplies in other organs of the body. It is believed that the common house fly frequently carries on its body from filthy places the germs of typhoid fever and deposits them on food in kitchens and dining room tables.

The number of cases in the registration area of the United States every year amounts to about 1oo,000, and the deaths amount to about 13,000, while in the entire United States it is estimated that there are about three times this number.

"In twenty years (1890-1909) in the English army in India there were 25,510 cases of typhoid fever and 6,494 deaths. The proportion of deaths varies from 10 per cent. or less in light epidemics to 30 per cent. in more severe ones.

"Typhoid fever is a self-limited disease. By this is meant that if the patient does not die during the progress of the disease the body reacts against the invading mirco-organisms, with the production of various antibodies known as agglutinins, opsonins, etc., and these limit the disease to a number of weeks, after which the person recovers and the virus (the germ) disappears from the body.

Special experiments were made by the English army during the Boer war and also in the Japanese-Russian war, when this disease was very prevalent, and while satisfactory along certain lines the experts feel that they still have much to learn.

### FROM CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE.

**Poor of Cathedral Parish to Get Baskets Today.**

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—For the poor of the Cathedral parish there will be distributed at the residence of Cardinal Gibbons at 11 o'clock this morning 160 baskets containing enough food to last the recipients two days. In each basket there will be cabbage, bread, potatoes, beef, sausage, sugar, coffee and a chicken or two. This distribution is made under the auspices of the Christ Child Society, of which Rev. Louis O'Donovan is the director.

Cardinal Gibbons will be present a part of the time and will speak a word of cheer to those who will come to get the baskets. The children will especially come under his notice, and he will have a kind word for each.

### PRISONERS GO HOME.

**Georgia Judge Allows the Men to Spend Christmas at Home.**

Macon, Ga., Dec. 23.—Judge Emery B. Speer, of the United States Circuit Court today handed out his Christmas gifts to 12 Georgians, held in durance while awaiting trial on charges of illicit distilling. There are an even dozen, who after being arrested have not the friends or the money to make the required bond which would give them their liberty until their trials in February. Many appeals came to Judge Speer, their families picturing a dull, dreary Christmas with heads of the houses in jail. On their personal pledge to return before new year's 12 men were allowed to take the train for their homes in various parts of the State.

### CHINAMAN TURNS THE TABLES.

**Gets Money and Coat from Negro Who Tried to Rob Him.**

Chicago, Dec. 22.—A negro bandit who held up a Chinese restaurant here today lost $4 and a coat in the affair.

After hitting Quong Fook Lo over the head with a bottle and rendering him unconscious, the negro robbed the cash register of $12.50. Then the Chinese regained consciousness and grappled with the robber. The negro slipped out of his coat and fled.

Upon examining the pockets of the coat Quong found $16.50 in cas. The Chinese told the police that he does not care if the negro never comes back.

New York, Dec. 23.—Rather than endure another Christmas without being able to give his wife a Christmas present, Samuel Lowey, caretaker of the Washington Irving Club, committed suicide today by inhaling gas. Lowey left three letters explaining why he kileld himself.

TO all our customers, and all the other good people whom we wish were our customers, this is a New Year's greeting.

We hope everybody who has done business with us during 1911 has found it profitable; the goods satisfactory, our service agreeable. We shall try to serve you better in 1912 than in 1911; we shall try to have better merchandise than ever before, and sell it to the better advantage of our customers than ever before.

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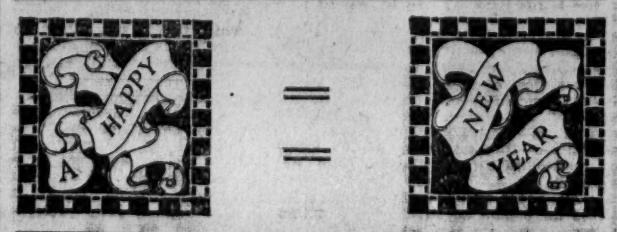
clothes will be our chief line; the best possible reason why you should buy clothes here. We want you to feel that if any dealings with us in the past have not been wholly as you expected and as you wanted, or in any way not satisfactory, we should be glad to know about it, and do what we can to make it right.

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### SANTA CLAUS AT AN ORPHAN HOME.

(By Henry Arnold Dennis.)

The Christmas season, with all its joys and hallowed memories, is with us again. There is perhaps no other season in the whole year which brings with it a happier spirit, and at which time, more than any other, everybody feels the pleasure that there is in giving something to friends. And it may be said, I believe, with all truthfulness, that the children find more pleasure in the Christmas season than any others do. But what thing in particular brings so much pleasure to the children? To be sure it is the many presents that they receive from friends and from Santa Claus.

But what is this Santa Claus that we hear so much about, and where does he live, and what does he do? Tousands upon thousands, and perhaps millions, of small children ask mamma and papa these questions every Christmas, and they are told that he is some good, old man who lives at the North Pole, and who, together with Mrs. Santa Claus, works from one Christmas to the next making up presents to take to all the good little boys and girls. And they say that on each Christmas Eve night he hitches his reindeers to a big sleigh and comes bounding down from the frozen North with his presents for the children, and that after the fire in the grate has all gone out, and while everybody is asleep, he creeps down the chimney with his bag of presents, leaves it in the room, and then goes on to the next little boy's house. Such an answer as this one may satify until the child gets to be six, or eight, or perhaps ten years old, but then his curiosity gets the better of him, and another explanation must be forthcoming.

And after all, what is Santa Claus, and does he visit the little children in the orphan homes where there is no father and mother to delight their fancies by telling them these sweet stories?

Yes, there is a Santa Claus just as surely as there is a Christmas, and he visits the little children in the orphan homes just as surely as he visits any other little boys and girls. Indeed, it is at such institutions that he takes the greatest pleasure in depositing his gifts. In the homes where there are only two or three children, father and mother lavishly pour out their love upon their little ones in rich and expensive toys and play things. These things last only a few weeks until they are broken up or lost and are no more, but all the same they served their purpose in their day. Among all classes of people gifts, some costly and some inexpensive, are exchanged at the Christmas season, and all carry their sweet messages and tokens from one friend tn another. The young man finds no greater pleasure than in giving something to his mother or to his sweetheart, and even those in the far off distant lands are not forgotten. But haw is it at the orphan home? Mamma and papa are not there to fill the stockings and to spread the toys and the goodies down by the little trundle bed and to take the little ones in their arms on Christmas morning and greet them with the happy word: "Look what Old Santa Claus brought you last night." No, none of that; but Old Santa comes to see the little orphans just the same.

Many times I have stood on the porch and seen the old wagon come from the depot loaded with boxes of good things for the orphan to eat and to wear. Often have I seen the children run out to meet the boys on the wagon anxiously inquiring if their box from Uncle Charlie or Aunt Mollie had come, or perhaps some little present from dear old mother in a far-off distant town. Yes, I have myself done this very thing, and oh, the joy there was in it! Many hearts have I seen gladdened by presents from loved ones far away who had not forgotten those who were less fortunate than they. And, perhaps the best part of it is that when these little ones receive their boxes from friends or from mother they never forget their brothers and sisters—the others boys and girls who are sharing their home with them. I do not mean that each box is divided equally with all the other children, but there would be but little joy in Christmas for the little child at the orphan home if he could not share his presents with his little friends that are there with him. And, so all are made happy by the kindness of one friend to one little boy or girl.

Long before and after Christmas Day the tables in the dining halls are filled to overflowing with eatables and other good things that are sent from the storehouses of those who have this world's goods in abundance, and who, out of the goodness of their hearts, have remembered the children of their deceased brethren.

But all of the joy and happiness that fill the heart of the orphan at Christmas time does not consist in partaking of such things as satisfy the physical man. These things have their places, but they are not all. Much of his joy comes from making others happy. Each year a Christmas entertainment is given by the children, and the public is always invited. Who can estimate the joy and the measure of inspiration that comes to them from singing the songs that tell of the Savicur's birth, and of the first Christmas time many, many years ago? Who would dare say that the hearts of these dear boys and girls are not thrilled with the consciousness of their duty to their God, and that they are not drawn nearer to Him who is the Father of the fatherless, even by the music of their own voices? No adult mind can feel or realize just the sweetness and the joy that come into the mind of a child as it thinks of how the angels appeared unto the shepherds as they watched their flocks by night on the plains of old Judea in the long, long ago.

But, have we seen yet how Old Santa Claus visits the little children in the orphan homes? Not only are the orphan children made happy by the happy Christmas time and by the many sacred memories of the past that it calls to mind, but all the whole year around Santa Claus visits them and provides for their welfare. It is by the goodness of those who support the institution that the children have the privilege of attending school, and all the other advantages that come to them. Then does not Santa Claus visit the little children in the orphan home?

And, again, what is Santa Claus? We know that there is no good old man who lives at the North Pole and works from Christmas to another, and who, on each Christmas Eve night, goes all over the world with his pack over his shoulder distributing his presents to little boys and girls. Should a dozen men be placed on the top of the house, a dozen in front of the fireplace, and another dozen at the keyhole in the front door, they all together could not detect Old Santa Claus when he entered the little boy's house and put his presents down. In that sense there is no Santa Claus. But there is a Santa Claus who can be all over the world at the same time. He can be at the homes of the little children in America, and England, and Germany, and Russia all on the same night and bring his gifts and toys. And he is the Santa Claus that makes all people who love to give good gifts unto their neighbors, and who find joy in making others happy, not only at Christmas time but through all the year. And the old legend of Santa Claus that sprung up centuries ago among the Peasants of Russia, and which was a symbol of love and friendship that is abroad in the world at this happy season of the year. And that is Santa Claus.

And now, dear reader, your joy would be full and perfect this Christmas, and if you want to get the most possible out of your Christmas this year, then be yourself some one's Santa Claus. You may be poor yourself, but none of us is so poor that we can not do something for some one this Christmas. If you can do so, send something to the orphan home that you love most and that lies nearest your heart. If you can, send something to them all, and know that if this you do this year, the gift of the Christ-child that came into the world in a lowly manger in Bethlehem on the first Christmas night in the long ago, will be sweeter and dearer to you than ever before.

### REV. CHAS. M. SHELDON RESIGNS.

**Sensational Kansas Preacher Will be Globe Trotter.**

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 22.—Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps" and many other books, today resigned the pastorate of the Central Congregational Church, of Topeka, which he has held for 23 years.

He will make a tour of the world, visiting missions and Young Men's Christian Associations.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon also attracted country-wide attention to himself by his startling discourses on what Christ would find if he visited the large cities of the United States.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 23.—Robert S. Waltham, a life-term prisoner in the Oklahoma penitentiary, will spend his third Christmas on parole with his family at Sulphur. Governor Cruce, following a precedent set by former Governor Haskell, today granted Waltham thirty days 'leave of absence." Three short-term prisoners were given pardons.

### ATTENTION JUNIORS!

All members of Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Jr. O. U. A. M. and Geo. Washington Council No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M., are requested to attend the funeral of out late Past Counselor C. M. Branch, from the residence, No. 116 Queen street this (Sunday) afternoon at 4 o'clock.

By order of the Councilor.

JNO. E. WOOD,
Recording Secretary.


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**SALE BEGINS TUESDAY, DECEMEBER 26.**

## SHRIER & SOLOMON


### THE MEAT INSPECTION.

**What is Being Done by National Government as to Foods.**

Washington, Dec. 23.—Interesting information about the Federal meat inspection is contained in the annual report made to Secretary Wilson by Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States, Department of Agriculture. During the fiscal year ending June 30, the inspection was conducted at 936 establishments in 255 cities and towns, both of these numbers being the highest in the history of the service. The number of animals inspected before slaughter was 53,002,304, comprising 7,807,712 cattle; 2,214,127 calves; 29,920,261 hogs; 13,005,822 sheep, and 54,382 goats. There were inspected after slaughter 7,781,030 cattle; 2,219,908 calves; 29,916,363 hogs; 13,005,502 sheep and 54,145 goats, a total of 52,876,948 animals. Of these there were condemned for disease or other unwholesome condition 117,383 entire careasses and 1,009,672 parts of carcasses, making a total of 1,127,055 carcasses and parts condemned. Tuberculosis was the cause of by far the greater part of these condemnations, nearly 47 per cent. of the condemnations of adult cattle and over 96 per cent. of condemnations of hogs beng due to this disease. The total number of animals inspected was 7 1-2 per cent. greater than during the preceding year.

### C. H. & D. MEN WIN VICTORY.

**Differences With Company Decided in Their Favor.**

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—A majority report of a board of arbitration appointed to adjust the differences between the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad and its maintenance employes, which was made public today, favors the employes and grants them increases in wages.

P. M. Morrissey, the third member of the board, dissented to the finding, as he claimed that the proposed rates did not parallel the rates paid for the same work on other railroads.

### IN MEMORIAM.

**Resolutions Adopted by George Washington Council, No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M.**

Whereas, We stand in the Presence of Death, that impartial leveler of all living things; once more has the Great Democracy of the grave claimed its own, and

Whereas, E. M. Ussery, honored member of George Washington Council, No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M., a man whose honesty and sincerity knew no dissembling; whose presence bespoke as if an open book the purity of his life, have been summoned hence, have gone the way of all mankind, joined that great throng not one of whose millions has ever returned to tell the story of the "Life Beyond," therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of our Brother our Council has lost one of its staunchest members, a man who was true to his obligation in times of adversity as well as prosperity, a man whose fidelity to his fellow man could not be questioned, therefore,

Resolved, That George Washington Council, No. 67, extends to the bereaved relatives of our departed brother its sincerest sympathy in this, the hour of their great tribulation. That the memory of his upright life may prove a balm to soften the poignant grief of the hour, and fill the recollections of the future with comforting resignation to the inevitable, is the earnest prayer of all;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be inscribed on our records and that a copy be sent to the afflicted family and to the daily papers for publication.

CHAS. H. WEST,
Chairman.
M. H. P. CLARK,
H. W. HOWELL,
Committee.

# THE HOLIDAYS AT LUMBERTON

**Rain and Slush Accompaniment of Gladsome Yuletide—New Year Changes—Road Improvement Needed**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 23.—We have never seen and don't believe anybody else ever saw a more disagreeable spell of weather during the Christmas holidays than we have had for the past four or five days. The sun has not been seen and the rain has been almost continuous. The streets are in a horrible condition, nothing but mud and slush. The bad weather has paralyzed holiday trade, and those who have laid in large supplies of fruits, etc., are in a hole in that respect. Since last Monday the streets have presented a desolate appearance, only those having urgent business, venturing out. But we had just about such weather, possibly not so bad, just a year ago.

Several people seem to have put the wrong construction on our item in regard to poor express service last Sunday, and understood us to be finding fault with the Lumberton office. Nothing could be further from our intentions. If all employes were like r. Thomas, the agent here, there would never be any complaint. He has few equals and no superiors in the service of the Southern Express Company. The trouble is on the road and to say that it is 'rotten" expresses it mildly. For instance, a package was sent from Rockingham to Lumberton on Wednesday and it was delivered 24 hours late. Another was sent to Wilmington Friday morning and on Saturday evening a telegram was received here trying to locate it. Last Friday the Freeman Printing Company sent a package to Pembroke, 11 miles, and it was put off here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, after having been carried to its destination twice. Fine service!

A few evenings ago the Past Time Theatre was visited by Grandma Sallie Prevatt, whose ago, as near as can be told, is about 93 years. Mrs. Prevatt is remarkable for one of her age. While she is very feeble, she has all her mental faculties and her eye sight remains good, not having to use glasses. Relatives up to the fifth generation were with Mrs. Prevatt on her visit to the show and she seemed to enjoy it as well as her great-great-grandchildren.

We challenge the State to trot out a man who is as stingy as one living in this county. He spent several days here last week, evidently visiting. While walking around as easily as possible to keep his shoes from wearing out, he stopped in front of the picture show, and the manager told him how nice the pictures were, how soul-inspiring the music was, etc. Nothing doing. He was then invited in and accepted the invitation. But he was too stingy to look at the free pictures and left.

Mrs. N. J. Thompson, who has resided with her daughter, Mrs. L. T Townsend, since the death of Mr. Thompson several months ago, will on January 1st return to her residence on the same block on which Mr. and Mrs. Townsend reside, and resume keeping house.

Last Sunday we suggested that some kind of signs be put on the Court House yard asking people to keep off the grass. The notices were put up Monday.

Mr. E. H. Meech, piano player at the Past Time Theatre, has been elected organist at the Presbyterian church. Visitors to this church may depend on hearing good music.

The present money conditions do not seem to affect the booze market It is a sight to see the amount that is being received here daily. Quite a bit of high-priced stuff, "Four Roses" for instance, is finding its way into many homes. Snakes are laid up for Winter but bad colds are easy to get when the weather is changeable.

For the past week the boys have been celebrating, all seeming to have a large time, but if there is one youngster who enjoyed himself more than any of his pals, it was William Morgan. Ordinarily William is very quiet, but he can beat anyone enjoying innocent fun.

The election of Mr. R. D. Caldwell last Sunday to be superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school for life was an honor most worthily bestowed. Few people have known Mr. Caldwell longer than the writer, our acquaintance and friendship dating back to the time when we were under ten years of age. We were born the same year, he being the oldest by six months. We were in school together, when very small, and when the Sunday school was organized in the old Baptist church over 40 years ago we were among the first to be enrolled. Mr. Caldwell has been with the school all these years, never failing to be present if in town and was not kept away by sickness. We were classmates in the Sunday school when the late Mr. S. E. Ward was superintendent, secretary, treasurer and teacher. Now Mr. Caldwell is superintendent with three assistants. During all these years, he has been one and the same, always doing what he considered to be right.

Messrs. Britt, Thompson and Bullock, students of the North Carolina Medical College at Charlotte, came in Tuesday night to spend the holidays with relatives. Dr. Peeler, of the faculty, came down with the boys and will spend several days hunting with Mr. Britt at his home at Barkers.

While in the postoffice one evening this week a young man 22 years old, walked over to the corner where we were standing and showed us a statement he had just received by mail. He made the remarkable statement that that was the first statement he ever had sent to him and that he never owed anybody as much as $10 but one time and that only for a few days. He says what his salary won't pay for and leave a little surplus he does without. There is a lesson.

Mr. N. C. Hughes, who recently resigned the position of road superintendent in this county, closed up his affairs this week and left yesterday evening for his home in Raleigh, where he will spend the holidays with his parents. He will return here January 1st for two or three days after which he will go to Atlanta where he has taken a position traveling for a firm in that city. Mr. Hughes came here seven months ago and has been here long enough to prove to our people that he is a gentleman of high character and one who knows what road-building is, but he nor no other man can ever make the road question a success in this vicinity under the present system. All that can be done is to patch the roads. When the county gets ready to issue bonds for road improvement and puts a man on the job with power to act without fort or more bosses, something will be done. No man is going to stay here long at the time under present conditions. We will be glad to see the time come when we will have a bond issue for good roads and see Mr. Hughes or some other good man get busy and build some roads which are greatly needed all over the county.

Mr. M. C. Lane, who for several years has been connected with the Seaboard as chief dispatcher at Hamlet, resigned his position on the 15th, and is now in charge of the R. & C. with headquarters at Marion, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Lane went to Marion several days ago. Mr. Lane is one of the best railroad men in this section, and with him at the head of the R. & C. it can't do otherwise than succeed.

Next Friday is being looked forward to with much interest by all our people, as on that day it is expected there will be a great gathering of farmers and business men of all classes here to attend the mass meeting which has been called for the purpose of discussing the cotton situation. The 1911 crop seems to have been the largest ever made, but much of it will never be gathered, thugh many farmers are using every effort possible to get their fields clean. We hear of some farmers who are paying $1 a hundred pounds for picking, while others are said to be giving one-half of the cotton to get it out. Great quantities are being gathered, but there is still much of the staple in the fields.

Tuesday morning Mr. J. H. Wishart will begin moving his stock of groceries from the present stand into one of the new Carlyle stores on Chestnut street between Third and Fourth Mr. Wishart began business 10 or 12 years ago and this is his first move. Mr. Boylin, the jeweler, will also move next week from the same building to the store formerly used by Jno. Leak as a barber shop. This place has been remodelled and will make an attractive little jewelry store. Mr. E. G. Sipher, the lectrician, who has an office up stairs over Mr. Boylin, being unable to secure a suitable place down town, will fit up an office and supply room at his residence. We do not know where the other occupants of the building will be located, but they have to find places by January 1st, as Mr. Weinstein says the work of remodelling the building will positively begin on the 2nd.

At 4:30 o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was given. On account of the weather conditions, everything being so wet, not many people turned out until a second alarm was given. Then it was found that for the second time since last Sunday a building near Britt's livery stables was in flames, the fire apparently having originated on the inside. In the building was the livery stable office, a barber shop and Mr. E. D. McNeil's office. The building is the property of Mr. McNeill, but is leased to Mr. Wesley Britt, excepting the rooms mentioned. The firemen kept the flames confined to the building in which it was first discovered, but if anything had been dry the fight would have been a stubborn one. While the origin of the fire is unknown, many people are of the opinion that it was not an accident. Another feature is that it was not over 30 or 40 feet at most from where fire was discovered Monday morning at an early hour. The buildings will not be allowed to be repaired on account of being in the fire limit. No estimate of loss has been given.

John, Jr., little 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wishart, has been sick for the past few days, suffering from an attack of dphtheria, but is much improved today.

For all readers of The Star here and elsewhere, we wish a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Notwithstanding the very inclement weather, the town was full of Christmas shoppers today and all the merchants did a rushing business. There has been much liquor delivered but only one man was arrested during the day for being drunk.

Prof. Sentelle and John Gilmore went into the woods this afternoon to secure a Christmas tree and reported on their return that they had to fight mosquitoes same as Summer time.

## ROWLAND SUN CONTEST

**Handsome Prizes Awarded and Subscription List Doubled**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rowland, N. C., Dec. 23.—The subscription contest conducted by the Sun closed tonight. The elegant Cote piano offered as first prize was won by Miss Lou Butler, of Rowland, R F. D. No. 2: Miss Nora Graham, of Hamer, S. C., won the second prize, a $100 diamond ring. The third prize, a very handsome bed room suite, was won by Miss May McCall, of Elrod. Other nice prizes were awarded the following in the order named: Miss Carrie Mac Smith, Rowland, R. F. D. No. 3; Miss Katharine McsArn, Rowland: Miss Ethel Murray, Rowland, R. F. D. No. 2; Miss Flora Pittman, Rowland; Miss Bluebelle McCallum, Red Springs; Miss Elizabeth Evans, Rowland, and Miss Mary Lou Wooten, Clarkton. The young ladies have done excellent work and the Sun's subscription has been more than doubled since the contest started. The business men of the town took a great deal of interest and offered a number of prizes from week to week. The contest was conducted by the American Mercantile Co.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Contracts have been let by the War Department for 8,000,000 rounds of calibre .30 ammunition for the service rifle. The Winchester Repeating Arms Company will furnish 2,750,000 rounds, and the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, the United States Cartridge Company and the Peters Cartridge Company each will furnish 1,750,000.

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## ROYAL GREETINGS TO GIBBONS.

**Cardinal Receives Christmas Cards From Catholic Rulers in Europe.**

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—Beautifully decorated missives in huge official and costly engraved envelopes, and closed in most instances with complicated and ancient seals, emblems of majesty or of the college of cardinals of the Catholic Church, are piled in a heap on the desk in the plainly kept room of Cardinal Gibbons at the archepiscopal residence. Christmas greetings which are in these stately envelopes which have been received during the last few days by the cardinal.

Their Catholic Majesties, the King and Queen of Spain, extend good wishes to the Baltimore cardinal, as do the aged Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria; the Prince Regent of Bavaria, King Albert I, of Belgium, the new Czar of the Balkans and other monarchs.

## GETS $1,500 ALIMONY.

**Mrs. Adelaide Louise Erlanger is Divorced From Her Husband.**

Nyack, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Adelaide Louise Erlanger obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce here today from Abraham L. Erlanger, the theatrical manager, with $1,500 alimony.

Mrs. Erlanger and her husband separated two years ago and she began suit against him last Summer. A. S. Hall was appointed referee and it was on his report that Supreme Court Justice Tompkins acted today. Counsel for Erlanger moved for a sealing of the referee's report, but Justice Tompkins declared that there was no authority in law for sealing anything but the evidence and on the he reserved his decision. The papers will be filed in the office of the clerk of Rockland county, where Mrs. Erlanger lives.

## EARTHQUAKE FELT

**Was Heavy at San Juan---Moderately Felt at New York**

San Juan, Del. Sur., Nica, Dec. 23.—A heavy earthquake was felt here this afternoon. The shock is said to have been the strongest felt in many years. The extent of the disturbance is not yet known and so far no damage has been reported.

New York, Dec. 23.—An earthquake of moderate proportions was recorded this afternoon by ... seismograph at Fordham University. The vibration began at 4:04 and lasted for thirty minutes, the main shock occurring at 4:20. The general direction of the disturbance was North and South. No estimate was placed upon the distance of the earthquake from New York.

## ANNUAL FOX HUNT.

**Party Enjoying Sport Around Clarkton—Other Items of Interest.**

Clarkton, N. C., Dec. 22.—Capt. R. C. Knox, Maj. W. R. Potts and Dr. W. H. Wooten, of Davidson, N. C., are here on their annual fox hunt. This makes their 15th year. They have caught so far eight fox, one wild cat, 20 coons, 30 rabbits and 64 ducks. They are joined here and entertained by ex-Sheriff High, Col. A. Nance, E. W. Wooten and J. T. Wooten.

Mrs. W. D. Wooten, who is very sick is reported a little better today.

Miss Cora Wooten Stevens, of Emporia, Va., is visiting her old home this week out at Prong.——Mrs. McD. Reynolds, of Wilmington, N. C., is visiting her sick brother, Mr. Cook Fletcher, who is very low.

## ASK MILD PUNISHMENT

**Texas Representative Working for Mitigation Regarding Lieut. Orchard**

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Culberson and members of the Texas delegation in Congress are endeavoring to secure a mitigation of the sentence or dismissal from the army of Lieutenant Samuel Orchard, third infantry, who was convicted by court martial in Alaska for embezzlement. The record of the proceedings is now being reviewed by Judge Advocate General Crowder. Later they will be submitted to President Taft for his approval. Lieutenant Orchard served in the first Texas volunteer infantry during the Sanish-American war.

## FELL TO HIS DEATH.

**Fire Lieutenant Lost His Footing and Fell Three Stories.**

New York, Dec. 23.—Driven from the roof of a burning dwelling by a sudden burst of flames, John Timmons, a Brooklyn fire lieutenant, attempted to jump six feet to the roof of an adjoining building tonight, missed his footing and fell three stories to his death. Timmons had led his men to the roof to fight the fire through the skylight. Scarcely had they put their hose in play when flames broke out through the roof in several places simultaneously. Timmons was the last to jump, having ordered his companions to precede him.

## A GAMBLING RAID.

**One Shot and Five Landed in Lumberton Jail.**

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 23.—About 8:30 tonight officers raided a gambling den in the southern part of town, and as a result Oscar Suggs was shot through the body with a .38 calibre pistol, and five other negroes are in jail. Which one of the gamblers did the shooting could not be learned. When the officers got in the house where the bunch was engaged it is supposed that one of them shot at the officers and hit one of his pals. It is said to be a tough gang.

## INCREASE IN PIG IRON.

**Last Year's Production Exceeded That of 1909 by 407,934 Tons.**

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Pennsylvania's pig iron production of 1910 ran ahead of that of 1909 by 407,934 tons, the aggregate turned out by the blast furnaces of the State being 11,128,958 tons. The furnaces employed 16,778 men, a gain of 1,857 over 1909, and the total wages paid $10,496,499, against $8,762,404 in the previous year. These figures are set forth in the annual report of Chief John L. Rockey, of the State bureau of industrial statistics on the iron making industry of Pennsylvania.

Chiasso, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—The official bulletin issued by the Italian government on the cholera epidemic in Italy, states that only two provinces in Sicily are still affected. For the week December 10th-17th, eighteen cases and ten deaths were recorded in those provinces.

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## RESPONSIBLE FOR TWO DEATHS.

**Family Drank Poisoned Beer and Man is Charged With Crime.**

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 23.—Arrested while a mourner at the home of Thomas Royster, whose family of five was poisoned by beer drunk at supper last night, and charged with administering the poison, Philip Burris, aged 40 was accused tonight by the coroner's jury of responsibility for the deaths of two. Blanche Royster, an elder daughter, to whom Burris is said to have been attentive, today declared her ignorance of anything in the nature of a conspiracy. Asked why she was the only one who escaped ill effects from the supposedly poisoned beer she said she was preparing to attend a social at the school house with the man charged with murder and knew nothing of the beer.

The bodies of Henry Royster, 18 year-old son, and Rett Davis, the negro cook, will be sent to the State chemist's office where an analysis will be made of the contents of their stomachs.

## RAISE POSTAL DEPOSIT LIMIT.

**Depositors Will Soon be Allowed to Exceed the $500 Mark.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—The $500 limit of postal savings bank deposits will be removed, according to statements at the Postoffice Department. This limit already has been reached by many depositors, and the bank trustees have been urged to permit deposits without any limitation whatever as to the amount.

Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday received petitions from several National banks in various parts of the country requesting the trustees to increase the limit indefinitely.

In informal discussions with bankers Mr. Hitchcock has become convinced that they now realize that the postal savings system is not seriously inimical to their interests.

## MAN OFFERS SELF FOR SALE.

**Carpenter Says His Children Must Have Bread.**

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The Banner today printed the following notice:

"Man for Sale—On Saturday, December 23, on the Public Square at Nashville, Tenn., I will offer for sale myself to the highest bidder by the hour, day or month, or year, to suit the master who makes the purchase.

"I am 40 years old, sound of limb and mind, a good carpenter, a fair machinist or a good subject for dissecting. Sale at 3 o'clock. My children must have bread. "A SLAVE."

The man proposing to offer himself for sale is B. F. Collins, who takes this means of getting employment to support himself and four children.

## STORES CALLED A TRUST.

**Philadelphia Independent Dealers Move Against Cigar Company.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Many independent cigar dealers of this city met today for the purpose of taking action with a view of forcing the dissolution of the United Cigar Stores Company.

The independents take the stand that the stores combination is just as much of a trust as the American Tobacco Company, and that it should have been dissolved with that compnay.

Local independents are prepared to join with the New York dealers in asking that Congress investigate the stores company. The independents assert that their trade is hurt chiefly through its premium plan.

Each German city of 100,000 population or more has a fine taxicab service, the initial registration of the clock ranging from 12 1-2 cents upward. Six and seven-seat cars may be hired with driver at the rate of 35 pfennigs (8 1-3 cents) a kilometer, equal to 13 1-4 cents a mile. On this account the need of privately owned automobiles is not yet extensively felt in Germany.

## CHINATOWN IN TURMOIL.

**Young Chinese Chop Up Idols of Older Generation.**

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—Chinatown is in turmoil tonight because of the action of a group of the young generation of "progressives" who last night wrecked a dozen josses which members of the older generation of Chinese had by sealth and in opposition to the will of the young generation, placed in the new brick building recently completed by the consolidated Chinese benevolent generation. The younger men chopped up the images with axes. The elders predict for them a year of great tribulation.

## IMPORTANT WITNESS.

**Man Said to Know of McNamaras and Associates' Movements.**

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—Frank Eckhoff, of Cincinnati, said to have information of the dynamiting operations of the McNamara brothers, and others alleged to have been associated with them, will be brought to this city on January 3rd to testify before the Federal grand jury, according to the statement of William J. Burns, who arrived here today. Burns would not reveal the present whereabouts of Eckhoff, but said that one of his operatives was with him.

The province where the Spanish onion is grown most abundant is Valencia, in which 9,266 acres are planted with this vegetable, and the annual crop amounts to 3,200,971 bushels. The province of Zamora leads in the output of garlic, the crop amounting to 255,397 bushels. Saffron is cultivated principally in the province of Albacete, where 10,749 acres are under cultivation.

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| Lv. Petersburg | 11:00 a m | 10:40 p m |
| Lv. Durham | 7:00 a m | 6:30 p m |
| Lv. Lynchburg | 2:40 a m | 6:25 p m |
| Ar. Cincinnati | 7:20 a m | 6:25 p m |
| Ar. Columbus | 6:45 a m | 6:55 p m |
| Ar. Chicago | 5:00 p m | 7:30 a m |
| Ar. St. Louis | 6:33 p m | 8:30 a m |

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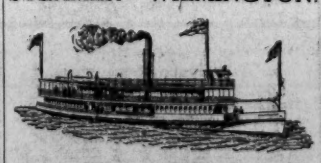

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective October 18, 1911. Time Not Guaranteed.

| DEPARTURES | TO AND FROM | ARRIVALS |
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| No. 90, ! 3:40 A. M. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:35 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.) | No. 91, a 1:00 A. M. |
| No. 51, * 5:45 A. M. | Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. **Pullman Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.** | No. 50, *11:40 P. M. |
| No. 64, ! 5:50 A. M. | Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations. | No. 65, ! 6:50 P. M. |
| No. 48, * 8:30 A. M. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.** | No. 49, * 6:15 P. M. |
| No. 53, * 8:45 A. M. | Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford. | No. 52, * 8:05 P. M. |
| No. 55, * 3:15 P. M. | Chadbourn, Conway (!) Florence, Charleston, Savannah, **All Florida Points,** Columbia, Asheville and the West. **Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.** | No. 54, 1:40 P. M. |
| No. 62, * 3:25 P. M. | Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations. | No. 63, *12:50 P. M. |
| No. 59, ! 6:30 P. M. | Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations. | No. 60, !10:15 A. M. |
| No. 42, * 7:00 P.M. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. **Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.** | No. 41, * 9:45 A. M. |
| No. 57, ! 7:30 P. M. | Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations. | No. 58, ! 8:30 A. M. |

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## SUBURBAN SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1911.

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

| EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Winter Park | EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville | EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville Beach | WEST BOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington | WEST BOUND. Leave Wrightsville for for Wilmington | WEST BOUND. Leave Wrightsville Beach for Wilmington |
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No. 39—3:25 P. M.—For Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with through trains for Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Norfolk, New York, and trains in all directions. Arrive Hamlet 7:40 P. M.; leave Hamlet, 8:00 P. M.; arrive Charlotte, 10:50 P. M.

**Trains Arrive at Wilmington:**

No. 40—12:30 P. M.—From Charlotte.

No. 44—12:10 A. M.—From Charlotte and intermediate points.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 65, for all points North; at Monroe, with No. 53, for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41, for Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis; No. 84, for Washington and New York; No. 32, for Portsmouth, Norfolk, and No. 43, for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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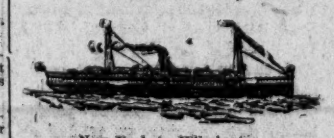

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Sunday, December 24, 1911.

Merry Christmas!

Adam put the blame on Eve because he had no mother-in-law. Poor Adam had only one chance at keeping from being held to account.

The Columbia State asserts that Santa Claus was not born in North Carolina. Judging from Santa Claus' whiskers, he is a native of Kansas.

The Metropolis woman who lost her thumb in a railroad accident will no doubt bring suit for heavy damages She can no longer boast that she has her husband completely under her thumb.

Home rule for Ireland is said to be almost in sight. Home rule for Ireland and Democratic rule for America remind us very much of each other. They have been long deferred but never abandoned.

George Barnard Shaw, the English magazine writer, says "America's young men are hard drinking, foulmouthed persons, lost to the decencies of life." That's what they get for letting George Barnard get too intimate with them.

The Republican boss in New York promises the solid delegation of New York to President Taft. The President returned to Washington feeling good over it. The President doesn't even know he has received a gold brick for Christmas.

Irish potatoes produced in Scotland are wholesaling in New York at a dollar per bushel. Think of that! When we could have produced from $200 to $500 worth of fine potatoes on an acre of land which produced only $40 to $45 in cotton.

A Savannah man has been fined $10 in a Georgia court for killing Summer ducks in South Carolina. No doubt South Carolina would reward the Savannah sportsman if he would bag some of the "slick ducks" who stay over on the South Carolina side.

When President Taft saw that the Democrats were going to abrogate that treaty with Russia, in a manner that meant business, President Taft got ahead of them with his gumshoe methods. Couldn't President Taft get it some of his pussy-foot work in abrogating the tariff graft of the trust beneficiaries of the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act?

President Taft spent two days in New York the past week and when he returned to Washington on Thursday, a New York dispatch was sent out saying he "went to Washington with assurances from Samuel Koeing, Republican county chairman, that he would receive the support of the New York county delegation at the coming national convention." In spite of all that has been said about political bosses, they go right on talking like they can hand over the support of several million free people. The worst part of it is, the bosses can do what they say they can do.

Even to the very last, President Taft neglected the splendid opportunities of insisting that the outrageous wool tariff should be reduced for the benefit of the people. He acknowledged it was unjustmable but let the Tariff Board take the credit of recommending a reduction that he should have demanded nearly two years ago. President Taft never has shown any sign of being anxious to shoulder very many responsibilities. By George, he threw away the chance to make a bold and courageous recommendation that would have won applause from the people. As it is, they will think of him as the original side-stepper.

## NORTHEAST RIVER BRIDGE.

Mr. B. F. Keith, collector of the port of Wilmington, in a communication published in the Star this morning, congratulates the commissioners of New Hanover and Pender counties upon their decision to bridge the Northeast river at Hungry Bluff. He says it was a great victory for the right, and so it was.

After long consideration of the desirability and feasibility of building the bridge at Hungry Bluff or at Blossom's Ferry, at Castle Haynes, the decision to place the steel bridge at Hungry Bluff, also near Castle Haynes, displays good judgment. Logically, that should be the site of the bridge, when the best interests of both counties are taken into consideration, but had only the financial interests of New Hanover county been considered, Blossom's Ferry would have been the most economical location of the bridge. However, the interests of both counties had to figure in the final decision, and the decision in favor of Hungry Bluff was both wise, justifiable and commendable. It will cost both counties a little more, but the interests of both were conserved to a greater degree than could possibly be involved in the cost of building the bridge.

While New Hanover would have saved money by building the bridge at the ferry, it would have cost Pender county from $3,000 to $5,000 more on account of her having to build a river approach and construct a road of about three miles through heavy sand. Judging it from the standpoint of Pender, that would have been unfair, but judging it from the interests of both counties, which was the proper way to settle the mooted question, the commissioners have decided wisely.

We have looked into this question thoroughly and have visited both the proposed sites. We had no prejudices in favor of either location, and while New Hanover could have saved money by building the bridge at Blossom's Ferry, in the long run the bridge will be worth more to the county at Hungry Bluff. Therefore, it suits the interests of both counties to bridge the Northeast at Hungry Bluff.

The Star wishes to join Mr. Keith in his congratulations to the commissioners of both counties. They have settled a long dispute and they have settled it right. To Mr. Keith has been largely due the credit of having the matter settled right. He has worked, talked and written newspaper communications to have the bridge properly located, and others who come in for a large share of the credit is Mr. William Crownfield and especially the Carolina Trucking & Development Company, which, though not directly benefitted, desired that the bridge should be located at the right place. The Star is also given credit, but it only considers that it was the arbiter. It investigated the bridge question at the instance of Messrs. Hugh MacRae, B. F. Keith, and others, and its advocacy of Hungry Bluff was because the contentions of those gentlemen and of Pender citizens were so manifestly right that we had to concur in their judgment.

The bridge at either location would have served the interests of Wilmington and New Hanover county as a means of communication with a fertile agricultural section, but with the bridge at Hungry Bluff it will connect Wilmington directly with the finest portion of Pender county. Not alone will Pender be benefitted, but Duplin, Sampson and other counties will be distinctly advantaged by the bridge. Quite naturally, Wilmington will share largely in the general benefit which will be the result of closer, more economical and more rapid communication. If all the counties will now build good roads so as to make the bridge a real asset for all, several counties will experience the benefit of the steel bridge over the Northeast. Naturally, Wilmington is the market of several counties beyond the Northeast, and all must agree that the bridge will be mutually beneficial to the city and those who use it as a market.

The commissioners in joint session in this city Wednesday decided on the location for the bridge, and awarded the contract for its construction to the Virginia Bridge & Iron Works, at $39,448. That is only $2,613 more than the lowest bid to construct the bridge at Blossom's Ferry, and it will be found that the difference in the cost to both counties in general results really will make the Hungry Bluff location the most economical and beneficial in the long run. It can but give general satisfaction to all concerned.

Let the construction of the bridge proceed at once. It should have been built six years ago, and could have been built twenty years ago. By the way, in this day of trolley lines, the new bridge should be constructed with a view sooner or later of its use for an electric line into Pender, Duplin Sampson and other counties.

The Hungry Bluff bridge is but the beginning of a new era of progress and there is no telling its tremendous potentialities for development in Pender and New Hanover. Brunswick and New Hanover should now get together and bridge the Cape Fear, or establish a free ferry. It would mean great progress for both.

Many a man has gotten himself in a hole by digging too hard after somebody else's dollar.

## COL. ROOSEVELT'S CANDIDACY.

The Nebraska Republicans have paid no attention whatsoever to Col. Roosevelt's declaration that it is ridiculous to consider him as a candidate for President. Despite his declaration, the Nebraska Republicans will put Col. Roosevelt's name on the list for their Presidential primary, a circumstance which shows how ridiculous Nebraska Republicans can make themselves.

However, this will afford the Colonel a fine opportunity to prove conclusively that he will not accept a nomination. He can take out an injunction against the Nebraska Republicans, enjoining them from using his name on their Presidential ballot. Nevertheless, we are told that the ring leader of the Nebraska movement in behalf of the Colonel had been in correspondence with the ex-President before he got up the petition for Colonel Roosevelt's name to be placed on the primary tickets. Publication of that correspondence would be interesting. The Colonel probably reasserted that he is not a candidate so far as he is individually concerned, but it is highly improbable that he wrote the Nebraskans vehemently forbidding the use of his name and declaring once for all that he would not accept a nomination if he received it.

The best way for the gentleman of Oyster Bay to settle the whole thing would be to give out this statement: "I am not a candidate myself, will not be anybody's candidate, don't want to be President, and would not accept a Presidential nomination under any circumstances whatsoever." That would keep us all from guessing.

## THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

Before the Star shall have appeared again, Christmas will be here and gone. When the clock strikes 12 tonight the joyous festival will be ushered in, and as the Star's next publication day is Tuesday, we take time by the forelock to wish the paper's clientelle a happy or merry Christmas. It is quite possible for many to make merry over the Christian world's greatest festival, and yet there are others whose hearts will be sad. They may sit in sorrow while others are joyous. Nevertheless, it is quite possible for everybody to be happy, for we celebrate Christmas as the birthday of the Great Comforter. In that respect, the festival is a happy occasion for all, according as the conditions of life may find them. In the sense that we celebrate the birth of Him who is every person's deliverer, the Star wishes everybody a happy Christmas. It is the day of good will and that is what we all mean when we exchange the greetings peculiar to the great festival.

Speaking of valuable Christmas presents, a 15-pound turkey, at the prevailing price of 30 cents a pound, would foot up $4.50.

Wall street has given it out that dividends this year will be higher than ever. This shows that Big Business, in spite of its alarm over trust-busting, has gone right on making money. If Wall street is going to declare bigger dividends in the midst of its fright, it would seem that Wall street would like to be scared every year.

The New York World of Friday published a story to the effect that two spies are watching every movement of Col. Roosevelt. However, the Colonel says: "It's just amusing. Anyone is welcome to watch my every action." Somebody must be following up the Colonel's trail to find out whether it shows any sign of his running.

The esteemed and splendid Greensboro News tips this off: "In order to be in time, we wish for Col. Wade Harris, Judge Clark, Young Harker, Caine, Cowan, Clawson, Patton, Whichard, Sherrill, Gunter, Farriss, Arch Johnson, Varner and all the rest of the jolly press boys, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year." Thanks. The same to you. Here's to you and all your family.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

The scheme to "valorize" the cotton crop by advancing the grower $25 on each bale appears to have died, thus blasting the hopes of the peanut growers, who hoped to be able to get an advance of 50 cents a bushel before the price dropped to 40.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

If North Carolina can bring her immense bodies of wet lands under cultivation without calling on the Federal government for help, which would be a long time coming no doubt, even if secured, why cannot Virginia do likewise? We believe she can, by pursuing similar methods—.Staunton (Va.) Leader.

The paragrapher of the Wilmington Star asks: "Are we the boosters we think we are If not, why not?" Sorry we can't assist in the identification but this confusion of our friend as to his identity, should be a warning not to begin the Christmas celebration so soon or so energetically.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Tuesday the big dam at Blewett Falls, 50 feet in height and over 1,700 feet in length, was completed. The last stroke of an undertaking, covering over five years of ups and down, was made. The good news was 'phoned in by Mr. F. W. Abbott, vice president and construction manager, for F. W. Abbott & Co., of New York, the company that has had the completion of the great project in hand. The power house has also been completed and the work of completing the installation of the machinery is being rushed night and day, and by the middle of January, the power will be turned on.—Rockingham (N. C.) Post.

Last week the Secretary of War sent a communication to Congress regarding the development of the Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington. It is proposed to provide a channel 26 feet in depth at mean low water and 300 feet wide in the river and 400 feet wide on the bar, at an estimated cost of $572,940, and with an annual appropriation of $80,000 for maintenance. "If the local authorities," the report says, "will expend $200,000 for terminal improvements the work should then be undertaken. However, the matter is put squarely up to the business interests of Wilmington." How about this matter being also "up to" Southport?

About 75 farmers who are stockholders in, or contributors to, the Catawba County Creamery, met at the chamber of commerce Saturday after dinner and considered plans for increasing the capital stock of the creamery to $5,000, in order to increase the facilities for doing business in an enlarged and better way. A committee, consisting of Messrs. John W. Robinson, D. M. McComb, W. P. Bumgarner and H. P. Lutz, was appointed to solicit subscriptions, and about $1,200 was raised on the spot. Mr. Robinson presided over the meeting and Mr. Shuford was secretary. The farmers who send their butter and eggs to the creamery are getting anywhere from $25 to $30 a month in the aggregate, and there is a strong demand for creamery products. The creamery itself is in elegant condition under the efficient management of Buttermaker Whitelaw.—Hickory Democrat.

Where North Carolina sits is the head of the table in cotton production as in so many other things. It did not plant so many acres in cotton as several other States, but when it comes to the amount raised per acre North Carolina was in the lead. According to the government estimate North Carolina made 59 per cent. of a bale to the acre, South Carolina 54 per cent., Alabama 41 per cent., Mississippi 34 per cent., Louisiana 35 per cent., Texas 49 per cent., Arkansas 37 per cent., Oklahoma 34 per cent., while Georgia and Tennessee made just about half a bale to the acre. Next year North Carolina will put in fewer acres and grow plenty of hog and hominy and wheat and oats. It will reduce cotton acreage 25 per cent. It is not too late now to plant wheat and oats. Good crops have been made planted in January. It is never too late to plant for hogs and hominy—the basis of agricultural prosperity.—Raleigh News and Observer.

## NORTHEAST RIVER BRIDGE.

Editor Star:—Please let me thank through your paper, the commissioners of both New Hanover and Pender for their justifiable and commendable act in giving us the bridge across the Northeast river, especially locating it where the people wanted it. This bridge will be a monument to those who made it possible and to put it in the right place shows that the people made no mistake in choosing their servants. Respectfully,

B. F. KEITH.

## WOMAN SENTENCED FOR LIFE

**For Alleged Murder of Another Woman—Pleads Innocence**

Golden, Colo., Dec. 23.—"My conscience is clear; I did not kill Mrs. Laguardia. I know that she is alive and expect that soon she will come forward and clear me of this murder charge."

This was the declaration of Mrs. Angeline Garramone, Denver's "Cassie Chadwick," today immediately after she heard the clerk of the District Court read the jury's verdict declaring her guilty of murder in the first degree for the killing of Mrs. Marie Laguardia, August 20th, 1910. The jury fixed the punishment at life imprisonment.

Mrs. Garramone was charged with killing Mrs. Laguardia with robbery as the motive. Concetti Forgione and her daughter, Stella, who were present when Mrs. Garramone is alleged to have slain her victim and who pleaded guilty to the charge of being accessories to the crime after the fact, will not be sentenced until after the motion for a new trial in the Garramone case, filed by her attorney, has been passed upon.

## CHESTNUT TREE BLIGHT

**Conference Called to Consider Plans for Destroying Disease**

Harrisburg, Va., Dec. 23. — The gravity of the chestnut tree blight has assumed such proportions that Governor Tener has called a conference of nearby States for the purpose of considering plans for a more effective campaign against the disease. The conference will probably be called for Harrisburg, February 5th and 6th.

The call will be sent to the Governors of New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Ohio and they will be asked to come themselves or send official representatives. New Jersey is not likely to be represented, as the blight has wiped out practically all the chestnut trees in that State.

New York, Dec. 23.—It was announced tonight that the Metropolitan Motor Speedway Association has acquired 330 acres of land on the Kearney Meadows in New Jersey for use as a motor speedway and aviation and athletic ground. The association has received authority to issue $1,500,000 capital stock and it proposes to construct a motordrome two miles long with seats for 100,000 persons. It was stated that work would begin February 1st.

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## UNDERWENT SECOND OPERATION

**Dr. Charles H. Mayo Again Suffering From Appendicitis**

New York, Dec. 23.—Dr. Charles H. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., one of the best known surgeons in the country, underwent here late today the second surgical operation performed on him since he was taken ill with acute appendicitis just after attending a surgical conference at Washington two weeks ago. Although it was semi-officially stated at the Presbyterian Hospital tonight that Dr. Mayo was regarded as not being in immediate danger, his brother, Dr. William J Mayo, also a well-known surgeon, is on his way to the bedside from Minnesota and is expected in New York tomorrow morning.

At the hospital tonight it was said no further official announcement was to be made at this time, but that Dr. Mayo is in no immediate danger and his condition is as satisfactory as could be expected.

## HUDSON BAY RAILROAD

**Government-Owned Road Will Be Built to Hudson Bay**

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—Work on the construction of the railway to Hudson Bay is to proceed at once. This information was made public today by Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of the interior, following an interview with J. D. McArthur, railroad contractor, who will have charge of the work.

It is to be a government-owned and operated line and a line of ships, also government-owned, may operate between Hudson Bay and Europe.

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# TOMORROW CHRISTMAS DAY

### Happiest and Holiest Season of the Year Throughout the Christian World---The Day in Wilmington—Last Night

"Peace on earth; good will toward man."

To the wise men on the plains of Bethlehem aeons and aeons ago came that celestial message, heralding the coming of the Prince of Peace, whom the Omnipotent Father sent to redeem sinful man, and down through all the centuries on the wings of time that message has been borne to us, till once more the time is come when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Tomorrow is Christmas Day, the happiest and holiest season of the year, and throughout the Christian world it is a time of gladness and good cheer. A mighty people, of a hundred different lands and as many alien climes, but brothers all in the eye of God, pause in their worldy pursuits and pay tribute to Him whose cradle was a manger and whose deathbed was a cross.

Hard is the heart that is not touched by the Christmas spirit and cold is the man who can have no place in his soul for the Yuletide sentiment, which throbs with the significance of Christ's coming to the earth, fore-ordained to die at the hands of those whom he came to save, and yet who by His death made it possible that man might live. Eiimently fitting and proper it is that on this day man remember his fellow man and Him who is the Father of all; that he who has spent his days in happiness and he whose life has been seared by sorrow; that prince and pauper, alike, kneel and renew their faith in God and man, and reconsecrate themselves in the Master.

To those fortunate ones who can spend the glad day at home the season is rendered even more holy for wherever man or woman may wander, under whatever strange stars their lot may be cast, the coming of Christmas Day always brings a picture out of the past—a picture of the good old home, no matter how humble it may be, and many a heart is tinged with sorrow when it is impossible to return to that home while the hearts at home also yearn for the loved one far away.

The day in Wilmington will be a happy one, though for the most part it will be sepent quietly. All the business houses and offices will be closed and the public generally will take a holiday. There will be appropriate services at the churches, with the usual Christmas music by the choirs, and the attendance at these services will no doubt be large, as it always is. The little folks will be enjoying the presents they have received and the older folks will gather in reunion around the home fireside and spend a quiet and happy day.

Many young people are at home from college, and others who are fighting life battles elsewhere have returned for the gladsome season, and are adding much to the joy of the Yuletide —greeting loved ones and friends, and lending to the holiday atmosphere.

Though tonight is Christmas eve, the usual celebration which always takes place on this occasion, was held last night. Christmas Day coming on Monday the Christmas eve celebration could not be held Sunday, and, consequently, the young folks—some young in years and spirits and others young only in spirits—joined in making the gladsome evening as noisy and jolly as possible. From early in the afternoon until a late hour last night, the air was filled with the noise of exploding firecrackers, the blasts from tin horns, the shouts of the happy throng and various other noises, all combining in one joyous blend, proclaiming the happy occasion in noise and illumination. Hundreds of people were on the streets until late in the evening, and the downtown portion of the city presented a gala appearance. Everywhere were smiling faces and the tardy shoppers, shouldering their way through the crowds with their arms filled with bundles, grinned good-naturedly when some scurrying urchin, speeding around the corner to purchase more firecrackers, came into sudden collision with them, or when some unusually large cannon cracker exploded almost under their feet with a startling boom. The brunt of the celebration centered around Front and Princess streets, and here the noise at times was almost deafening, but all up and down each street, and in fact pretty much all over the city, the youngsters cut loose and painted the town red with an abandon that comes but once a year—on Christmas.

The rain that had been falling since Tuesday ceased yesterday morning, and though the clouds assumed threatening aspects at times, the day was a good one for shopping. Hundreds crowded the streets and stores, all day, and far into the night, and the merchants and their clerks spent one of the busiest days of the year.

Probably the shopping done yesterday exceeded that of all the other days of the week, and the stores reaped a harvest.

Tomorrow morning the poor of the city will be remembered by the Salvation Army, when nearly 200 baskets of provisions and articles of clothing, etc., will be distributed among the needy families of the city. The baskets will contain about 16 different articles of food and will be a godsend to those who receive them. They will contain enough to provide a substantial meal for about 15 persons, or enough to supply the ordinary family with a number of good meals.

The local lodge of Elks will also distribute about 120 baskets of food among the poor of the city, and at Delgado, so the destitute ones will not be forgotten at the Christmastide.

This work is being done by a committee of which Mr. Benj. Bell is chairman. The poor children of the city will be made happy New Year's day by a Christmas tree which the Salvation Army will give for them at their hall on Market street, when the youngsters will receive useful gifts that will make their little hearts glad.

Prospects late last night were for clear weather today, and it will be the hope of the citizens that it will remain so for Christmas Day. A cold snap would also be welcomed, as the mercury yesterday was just a little too high to seem like real Yuletide weather.

# VAGRANTS PLAY STELLAR ROLE

### Nine Negroes Given Farm and Road Sentences in Recorder's Court Yesterday Morning—Other Cases Tried.

Vagrants, both male and female, had the stellar role in the Recorder's court yesterday morning, no less than seven of the unfortunates receiving road and farm sentences. Aside from this two colored dames who had imbibed too freely of that which inebriates and cheers, were given sentences on the farm and several alleged vagrants were found not guilty or nol proses were taken in their cases.

"Son" Costin and Bryant Jones, colored, were found guilty of vagrancy and were sentenced to 30 days each on the county roads, judgment being left open, however, in the case of the latter for an examination by the county physician. Mary Mallett, Bertha Grady, Fleet Bacckus, Pearl Gilliam and Henrietta Jones, all colored, were found guilty of vagrancy and each received a sentence of 30 days on the county farm. Cornelia Everett, also colored, received a like sentence for being intoxicated, though the word on the warrant was considerably shorter and harsher than this. Roxie Stevens, another dame of color, was also found guilty of being drunk and was sentenced to the farm for 30 days, subject to an examination by the county physician.

J. Z. Lanier, colored, found guilty of carrying a miniature piece of ordnance in his pocket, was fined $25 and costs. William Pough and Alex Hall were found not guilty of a charge of vagrancy and judgment was suspended on the payment of costs in the case of "Baby" Holmes, also charged with vagrancy. In the case of Bill Beasley, colored, charged with vagrancy, a nol pros with leave was taken.

Noah Jones, a white man, charged with attempted house breaking, submitted to trespass and upon the statement of the prosecution that the defendant was drunk at the time of the alleged attempt the court was convinced that no wrong was intended and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

Hattie Simpson, colored, charged with selling cocaine, was dismissed. A nol pros with leave was taken in the case charging Chas. Lowe, colored, charged with violating the hitching ordinance.

A case charging Josephine Wilson, a colored girl of about 13 years of age, with entering a dwelling house otherwise than by burglarious breaking, was continued until Tuesday, as were also three cases against John Wright, colored, charged with an assault with serious injury, an assault with a deadly weapon and with vagrancy. The case against R. G. Pate, colored, charged with disorderly conduct was continued until Tuesday.

## MADE BOLD ESCAPE.

### Negro Chopped Way Out of Cell at City Hall Yesterday.

James Ward, a negro charged with carrying a deadly weapon and several other serious offenses against the dignity of the law, put one over on the police department some time during the wee sma' hours of early yesterday morning when he calmly chopped his way out of a cell at the City Hall and hied himself away to liberty and probably a more congenial clime.

The negro was arrested some days ago for larceny and carrying a concealed weapon and as police officials believed that he knew something about a number of other crimes that have been committed lately, it was decided to hold him for a while. He was placed in a cell usually used for white prisoners, as the officers did not want him to communicate with other negroes. The cell is located at the extreme north end of the row in the white corridor and opens almost at the very door leading into the rear of police headquarters. When the officers discovered the escape yesterday morning they found that one of the wooden bars of the cell had been chopped through with the axe and then wrenched off at its bottom fastening, leaving an opening large enough for a man to wriggle through. Though a vigorous search was kept up for the nero all yesterday and last night, he has not yet been apprehended and it is doubtful if he will be, at any time soon.

A negro woman who was confined in a cell six or eight doors removed stated that she heard Ward conversing with a white boy who passed through the corridor some time between midnight and 3 A. M., and that the negro asked the boy to go and get him something to eat. She also stated that she heard Ward offer $5 to anyone who would bring him an axe. A short time later she said that she heard a noise coming from the direction of his cell and asked him what it was. She states that he replied that the noise was made by horses kicking in the City Hall stables outside. She heard no further noise and it is probable that Ward had already finished his work before she questioned him.

It is possible that some negro had slipped Ward the axe during the time that he has been confined in his cell and that the negro has kept it concealed in his bed clothing until last night, but this the officers do not believe. They think that the tool was brought to the negro by the white boy whom the woman heard talking with him. They will bring charges against the boy if he can be captured.

Two doors are between the prison and the police headquarters, where someone is always on duty, and these, with the brick walls, served to deaden the sound and aided the negro to make his escape without being heard. To say that the police are chagrined over the affair is putting it mildly.

Ward was arrested at the instigation of Detective S. L. Branch, of Charlotte, who is working with the local officers at present. Mr. Branch had been working on the case for some time and intended to bring a capital charge of burglary against the negro. He hoped to locate several other negroes believed to be implicated with Ward in the affair, and for that reason the case had not been docketed in the Recorder's court.

Fire Works, Fire Works. A carload, they must be sold, our prices are right. Farris Bakery, 121 So. Front. Also call at Annex, 131 Market. de 18-6t

# UNCLE SAM'S XMAS RUSH

### Mail Carriers Will Make Delivery Today Notwithstanding Sunday—Santa Claus Must Care for His Own—Rush

That important branch of the public service, just at this season of the year especially, if you please—the United States Postoffice establisnment, is feeling the effect of the holiday rush, but happily in Wilmington the business has been handled with the utmost "neatness and dispatch and at 12 o'clock last night the decks were cleared, figuratively speaking, and everything coming into or going out from Uncle Sam's big building at Front and Chesnut streets had been properly and expeditiously handled.

The carriers at the office will make one delivery of mail today, reporting at 6:30 A. M. and going out on their respective routes at 7:30 A. M., the innovation of a Sunday delivery being made necessary by the volume of Christmas business done this year in Wilmington. This, however, is no indication in the least of the carriers' not having done their whole duty as they have worked very faithfully in the delivery of the mail. The authority for this special delivery is given by the Postoffice Departmen. in consequence of a like codition of affairs that seems to prevail in practically every section of the country. It is further necessary to tax Santa Claus in the distribution of these packages, which are received so that the office will not be swamped. Postmaster Wallace says that notwithstanding the rush that everything will be done for the convenience of patrons of the office. The Registry Department at the office will be open for the delivery of packages only from 10 to 12 o'clock; the General Delivery will be open during the same hours and the stamp windows will be open at the usual hours on Sunday. On Monday, the carriers will also make the early morning delivery and collection, so that in spite of the general three-day holidays for the rest of the world the postoffice and postoffice people will be "strictly on the job."

The postoffice during the past week has been a wonderfully busy place, there being an increase in the dispatch (of packages mainly, of 17 per cent. There have been dispatched during the holidays 502 tigatly but safely packed canvass bags, each one containing not less than 100 parcels, or a grand total of something like 10,000 from the Wilmington postoffice. In speaking of the rush last night, Postmaster Wallace said that the business, although largely increased over last year, had been handled most satisfactorily. The clerks in the office have worked systematically and well; the office has gone along things quietly and systematically like a large piece of machinery, well lubricated and in the pink of condition. This large of extra work, Mr. Wallace also said, has been done without a murmur from a clerk in the office and the record is one of which he is justproud and for which he is profoundly grateful. The postoffice has made an enviable record in its handling of the Christmas mail and a record of which The Star believes the public is appreciative.

## MR. HUNTER WATSON DEAD

### Passed Away Yesterday Morning After Brief Illness

Many friends in this city will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Hunter Watson, which occurred rather suddenly yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, following a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered Friday. has been in failing health for several months, but his condition was not regarded as serious and he continued his duties in the car accountant office of the Atlantic Coast Line until he was stricken Friday, when he was taken immediately to the hospital, where everything possible was don for him, but to no avail.

Mr. Watson was 28 years old and unmarried. He came to this city six years ago from Portsmouth, Va., where he held a position with the Seaboard Air Line, and took a position in the car accountant's office of the A. C. L., which he held until his death. He was a quiet, unassuming young man and commanded the respect and esteem of all within the range of his acquaintance. He was quite popular with all who knew him and his sad and untimely death is generally regretted. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia and a man of splendid ability.

The body was removed yesterday to the funeral parlors of Mr. James T. Woolvin, on Princess street, and prepared for burial. His brother-in-law, Mr. Walker, will arrive today from Charlottesville, Va., and will accompany the remains to that place for funeral and interment, leaving on the 7 o'clock train this evening The bereaved will have the tenderest sympathy of a great many friends in this city.

## TO SIGN BONDS TOMORROW

### Blank Bonds for $400,000 Issue Expected to Arrive Last Night

Information was received at the City Hall yesterday to the effect that the blank bonds for the $400,000 issue which is to be sold to the Southern National Bank and the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company would arrive last night. Mayor Joseph D. Smith and Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, stated that if the blank bonds arrived last night or today they would spend a portion of tomorrow, Christmas Day, in signing the bonds. This will be done in order that the bonds may be returned to New York in time for the money for them to be received here by January 1st. It will take the Mayor and city clerk and treasurer about three hours to affix their signatures to the bonds, 400 in number.

### Steamer Oceana Sails.

The British steamer Oceana, which put back into this port from a short distance out to sea several weeks ago when a fire was discovered in her cotton cargo, and which lay at dock here for some time after the fire had been suppressed, taking on new cargo to replace the damaged cotton, sailed yesterday morning for Bremen, Germany, with a full cargo of cotton, from Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son.

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES TODAY

### Sermons Appropriate to the Festive Season Will Be Preached by Ministers of the City—Children's Exercises

In nearly all the Wilmington churches Christmas services will be held today, the ministers in most cases will preach sermons this morning appropriate to the season that is now about to be celebrated and at some of the churches the children of the Sunday school will have exercises in the afternoon, while at other churches the children's exercises will be held later in the week. Several churches announced yesterday the order of the special services and they are given below:

St. James' Episcopal church—The services today will be the usual morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock, and children's Christmas celebration at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be no service at night. The sermon in the morning will be a continuation of the subject last Sunday, "The Sufficiency of the Christian Programme and Ideal." And the address to the children will be on "The Manger Cradle." The offering of toys and books will be for distribution by the Salvation Army in the city. The services Christmas Day will be the Holy Communion at 7:30, and Morning Prayer sermon and Holy Communion at 11. The subject of the Christmas sermon will be "The Glory of the Commonplace." The offering will be the annual offering of the congregation for General Missions, the fund from which not only the work of the Church throughout the world is supported, but from which also North Carolina derives three-fourths of the support of her own missionary work in the State.

St. Paul's Lutheran—There will be three Christmas services at St. Paul's Lutheran church, one for those preferring the Gospel in the German language at 11 o'clock this morning, a second at five o'clock this afternoon at which the children of the church will sing a Christmas service arranged by the pastor, descriptive of the history of redemption, and a taird service tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. There will be no sermon at the children's service this afternoon, but the selection of carols, taken from the best English and German sources, will tell of the days before the Fall, of the weary centuries of waiting for the Messiah, of the miracle of the Holy Night and of the joy of Christmas Day. The superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. C. W. Polvogt, will lead in this service. Children, young people and the choir of the church will join in choral singing. A Christmas tree with a multitude of electric lights and suitable Christmas decorations will enhance the beautiful interior of St. Paul's. At the Monday morning service the pastor will preach on "The Love of God Manifested Unto Us." At all of the services the choirs under the direction of Mrs. E. Schulken, organist of St. Paul's, will render music appropriate to the season.

St. John's Episcopal, Third and Red Cross streets—Holy Communion at 8 A. M. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion 11 A. M. Special Christmas music. All are cordially invited.

Brooklyn Baptist, Rev. J. A. Sullivan pastor—Preaching at 11 A. M., subject, "Message of Gladness." Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Preaching at 7:30 P. M., subject, "A Big Burglary." The Sunday school will celebrate the Christmas event later in the week.

Fifth Street Methodist, Nun and Fifth streets—The pastor, Rev. G. T. Adams, will preach at 11 A. M., on "The Incarnation." At 7:30 P. M., brief tailks by the pastor and Messrs. H. G. Bowden and J. B. Huntington, on "The Meaning of Christmas." Special Christmas music at both services. The public cordially invited.

Bladen Street Methodist, Fifth and Bladen streets—Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor. Preaching tomorrow at 11 A. M., subject, "Christ Our Example." Sunday school at 3:30 P. M., J. B Taylor, superintendent. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. subject, "Christ Our Saviour." To all these services the public is cordially invited.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist, Market and 17th streets—Services tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject at Lesson Sermon: "Christ Jesus." All are invited.

Trinity Methodist, corner of Ninth and Market streets, Rev. E. C. Sell, pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Everybody invited to these services.

## RECEIVES HANDSOME WATCH.

### Gift of Coast Line Clerks to Mr. W. R. Sullivan, Who Leaves Soon.

Mr. W. R. Sullivan, at present assistant to the president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, but who leaves in a short time for New York, where he has accepted a position with a prominent banking house, was presented yesterday with a handsome 21-jewel Elgin movement gold watch, handsomely and appropriately engraved, by the clerical force of the general offices, as a reminder of the gap that he is leaving in the hearts of the employes by severing his connection with the road. The presentation was made in Mr. Sullivan's office by a committee from each department of the service, composed of about 25 or 30 men, for whom Mr. W. R. Taylor was spokesman. Mr. Taylor made a very pretty presentation speech, voicing the estem in which Mr. Sullivan is held by his many friends in the offices and the regret that they feel upon his leaving. Mr. Sullivan was deeply touched by the handsome gift and the spirit that prompted it and he accepted the present with a feeling talk.

### "Molly Pitcher"

"An Historic Incident of the American Revolution," big Kalem production at The Grand Theatre tomorrow. **

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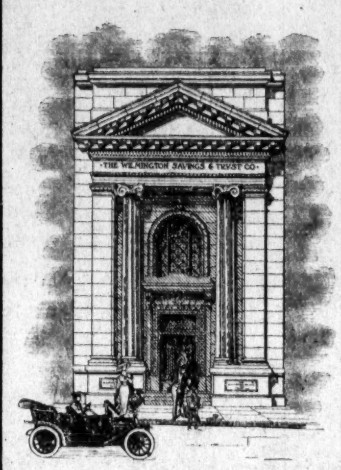


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THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY

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A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

A Merry Christmas TO ALL D. R. Foster & Co.

## LOCAL DOTS.

---The pilot boat Penton yesterday spoke the schooner Millie R. Bohannon, Savannah, Ga., to Philadelphia, asked to be reported all well.

—By deed filed for record yesterday the Carolina Real Estate Trust Company transfers to the Winter Park Gardens Company, for $10 and other considerations, lot No. 379 in Audubon tract.

---Today is the 46th anniversary of the battle of Fort Fisher. A friend of The Star called up last night and stated that the volleys of firecrackers on the streets had brought the fact to his mind.

The Coco-Cola Company is distributing to its patrons a handsome souvenir in the form of a coin purse and combination bill folder and card case. It is of handsome black leather and is a gift that is gladly accepted by the recipients.

---The Sunday morning meeting for boys at the Y. M. C. A. will be conducted this morning as usual at 10 o'clock. These meetings are proving very beneficial and enjoyable and the interest is increasing each week. All boys under 16 years of age are invited to attend.

—Yoke Fellows appointments for today are as follows: City prison, A. Hall; county home, J. L. Strickland and H. E. O'Keefe; Castle Haynes, H. G. Bowden and A. Cowan; Wrightsboro Union Sunday School, L. Williams and G. C. Boardeaux; fire station, J. L. King and P. Heinsberger.

—Mtayor Smith has received a letter stating that Caroline Holmes, who is now living at Ousley, Ga., desires to get in communication with some of her relatives or with relatives of her old "marster," Richard Holmes. The writer stated that the woman had one son, Henderson Holmes, in this section.

---A young negro, apparently about 20 years of age, performed a most daring theft Friday evening when he grabbed a pistol that was being shown him and ran out of the store of Mr. S. D. Bryant. He came into the store and asked to be shown the gun and when it was placed in his hands he fled. Mr. Bryant fired at the negro as he ran, but does not know whether he hit him or not.

---It will be a pleasant reminder of the New Year that stockholders in the Southern National Bank will receive on January 1st. At a meeting of the directors of the institution during the past week the regular semi-annual dividend of five per cent, was declared, payable on the date named. This with a good amount passed to surplus account, emphasizes that the past year has been one of prosperity for the bank.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE O..TON

### Dinner Will Be Served on Monday—An Attractive Menu

Mine Hosts Hinton and Plummer, e Orton, will afford a most attractive menu to the "way-worn traveler" or the "home folks" guests of their charming hostelry on tomorrow, Christmas Day, 1911. A beautiful menu card, done in a delicate tint of blue, brown and a sprig of "holly green," caught with silken cord, announces the following tempting edibles:

Manhattan Cocktail

Steamed Little Necks
Blue Points on Shell
Celery Mangoes

Green Turtle au Madeira
Essence of Chicken en Tasse
Canton Ginger Watermelon Pickles

Pate de Foie Gras, Legarde
Queen Olives

Planked Carolina Shad, Claremont
Pommes en Bordure
Boiled Smithfield Ham, Champagne Sauce
Philadelphia Capon, Allemande

Potted Native Quail, en Croustade
Mignon Filet de Beouf au Champignons
Macedoine de Fruit en Gelee

Old Sherry Wine

Prime Ribs of Beef, au jus
Steamed Rice
Steamed and Mashed Potatoes
Suckling Pig, Barbecued Hunter Style
Corn on the Cob Spinach with Egg
Roast Turkey Stuffed, Cranberry Sauce
Candied Yams
Asparagus on Toast

Haunch of Black Tail Deer, Currant Jelly
Baked O'Possum with Yams

Hearts of Lettuce en Mayonnaise

Christmas Plum Pudding,
Hard and Brandy Sauce
Mince Pie Pumpkin Pie
Neapolitan Meringue Pie
Harlequin Ice Cream Black Fruit Cake
Walnut Kisses Angel Food
Gateaux Assortis Confectionery

Grape Fruit, au Creme de Menthe Cherries
Oranges Malaga Grapes Apples

Mixed Nuts Figs Layer Raisins

Neufchatel, Edam and Roquefort Cheese
Saltines

Cafe Noir en Demi-Tasse

### Married in Norfolk

Friends here will be pleased to learn of the marriage of Mr. J. E. L. Wade, a popular young railroad man, who runs between this city and Norfolk, Va., and Miss Alberta Therma Dickinson, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dickinson, which was solemnized last evening at 8 o'clock in the First Christian church of that city. The young couple will be at home in their apartments in the Solky building, this city, for a short time preparatory to moving permanently into their home here. Mr. Wade is very popular among a wide circle of friends who will welcome his charming bride to the city.

## ELKS REMEMBER THE POOR.

### One Hundred and Twenty-nine Baskets Will be Distributed Today.

Attractively arranged in the warehouse of Swift & Co., No. 307 Nutt street, last night, were 129 well filled baskets, which had been prepared during the day and early evening by a committee from Wilmington Lodge, No. 532, B. P. O. Elks, and they will be distributed this morning among as many poor families of the city. Each basket contains enough provisions, fruits, etc., to last the average family for several days and will be most joyously received by the recipients this morning. Several wagons will be employed and the baskets will be delivered in a short time. Each basket contains Ham, flour, sugar, coffee, lard, tomatoes, hominy, meal, bread, apples and oranges. It has long been the custom of the Elks to remember the poor at Christmas times as well as at other periods during the year. Sometimes they send wood and coal, sometimes baskets, but the poor of the city always get something substantial at Christmas time to remind them of this noble fraternity. Mr. Benj. Bell is chairman of the committee and other members are Mr. F. K. Hottal and Mr. John H. Niggel. The committee has done its work well—this is self-evident from the personnel—and the baskets are now awaiting distribution this morning. Mr. Bell has been chairman of the committee for several seasons and there is no member of the lodge better fitted for this important duty.

### Street Car Ran Into Cart

Street car No. 12 on the belt line, ran into a cart at Fourth and Hanover streets last night about 10:40 oclock, knocking the horse down and damaging the cart to some extent. The cart, which belonged to an Italian, had been left standing in front of a store and the horse became frightened at an exploding firecracker and walked across the track in front of the car. The horse limped considerably after the accident and the cart was damaged to a considerable extent.

The Southern National Bank

Wishes its Friends and Patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# SOCIETY

Capt. D. T. Cronly, of Columbia, is spending the holidays in this city.

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Miss Vera Purvis, of Clinton, N. C., is visiting Miss Nellie Strickland, No. 701 North Third street.

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Mr. J. H. Mitchell left yesterday morning for Louisburg, where he will spend Christmas with his people.

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Mr. U. M. Robinson, of New York City, arrived yesterday morning to spend the holidays with his mother.

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Friends in the city are glad to welcome Miss Elizabeth Fishblate to spend the holidays after a sojourn abroad.

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Mrs. William Chisholm, of Charleston, S. C., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. P. Bailey, during the Christmas season.

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Miss Hazel Winstead has returned from Meredith College, Raleigh, to spend the holidays with her relatives in this city.

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Mr. Willie Bellois has returned from Charleston, S. C., where he is a student at the Citadel, to spend the holidays with home folks.

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Mr. Thos. D. Meares, Jr., of Columbia, arrived Friday night to spend Christmas with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Thos. D. Meares.

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Miss Mae Lee Drew, of Windsor, N. C., is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Outlaw, and her friend, Miss Lottie Fales.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Borden, of Richmond, are guests during the holidays of Mrs. Borden's father, Col. John D. Taylor, on Orange street.

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Miss Alice Marcuse and Mr. Alex. Anderschatt, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are spending the holidays in Wilmington, the guests of Mrs. Arthur Einstein.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jos. S. Mitchell, of Florence, S. C., arrived yesterday afternoon and will spend the holidays in the city with relatives and friends.

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Misses Eunice Andrews and Carrie Bowen, students at Atlantic Christian College at Wilson, are spending Christmas at their homes in this city.

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Mr. Fred Bonitz, formerly a clever young Wilmingtonian, but now located in Columbia, S. C., is spending the holidays with his parents in this city.

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Miss Mabel Stanley and Miss Flossie Howell, of Goldsboro, are the guests of Mrs. L. Clayton Grant, 907 Market street, for the Christmas holidays.

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---F. Marion Redd, Esq., of Charlotte, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Mayesville, where he will spend Christmas with his relatives.

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Miss Rosa Dwight Willingham, of Marietta, Ga., arrived in the city last evening to spend some time as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. L. Peschau.

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Mr. T. Lee Gore, son of Mr. T. J. Gore, who is a student at the University of Pennsylvania, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the holidays at home.

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Mr. Albert Fales and Mr. Jesse Batson have returned from Bules Creek, where they have been attending school, to spend the holidays with their parents.

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Miss Thelma Smith, of the Senior class at the Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, is spending the Christmas holidays at her home, No. 609 Orange street.

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Messrs. P. P. Murphy, of Lowell; C. C. Murphy, of Greensboro, and E. E. Murphy, of Atkinson, are in the city to spend Christmas with their brother, Dr. J. G. Murphy.

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Prof. Chas. Mendelsohn, a member of the faculty of a college in New York City, arrived yesterday morning to spend the holidays with his father, Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Latimer and little son, Harry, arrived yesterday morning from Auburn, N. Y., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Latimer's mother, Mrs. Geo. N. Harriss.

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Mr. H. R. Aiken, a member of the local staff of The Star, will leave this morning for Hickory, where he will spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Aiken.

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Messrs. Ed Hardin and Douglas Taylor arrived yesterday morning from Washington & Lee University, where they are students, to spend the holidays with home folks.

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Mrs. Wm. E. Lawson will leave this afternoon for Columbia, where she will spend the Christmas season with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Huiet, and sister, Mrs. S. H. McLean.

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Mr. Richard Meares has returned to the city from a business trip of several weeks through South Carolina, and will spend the holidays with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Thos. D. Meares.

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Miss Newell Yancy, of Lexington, Ky., a student at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C., is spending the holidays in Wilmington, the guest of her classmates, Misses Carrie Bowen and Eunice Andrews.

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Miss Mabel Croom has returned from Pihadelaphus High School, Robeson county, where she has been teaching, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Croom, No. 610 Dock street.

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Mr. C. McD. Davis, general freight agent of the Atlantic Coast Line with headquarters at Savannah, has arrived to spend the holidays with relatives in this city and has been most pleasantly greeted by many friends.

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Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas, of No. 313 North Fifth street, will regret to hear that their little daughter, Mabis, suffered the misfortune to fracture her leg in a fall down a flight of steps last evening and that she will be confined to her home for some time.

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On account of the death of Col. Thos. S. Kenan, of Raleigh, invitations have been recalled to the dance that was to have been given in the Masonic Temple on the evening of December 28th by Mrs. J. K. Wise in honor of her daughter, Miss Louise Wise.

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The many friends of Mr. Benj. Bell, Jr., will be delighted to know that he will arrive today from Richmond, Va., where he is on the editorial staff of the Times-Dispatch, and that he will be here until Thursday on a visit to his father, Mr. Benj. Bell, and other members of the family.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mr. Richard Harris, who has been spending several days in Washington, has left here for Wilmington, to visit friends during the holidays. Mr. Harris will attend the leap year dance that is to be given New Year's night by the Winter's debutantes in Wilmington."

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Rocky Mount Telegram of yesterday: "Mr. Harry Morris left this morning for Wilmington, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.——Miss Helen Shultz, of Wilmington, is in the city, visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. Schultz, on Pearl street."

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Rev. J. P. King has returned from a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., and is accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Sallie Macomber, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joe King, Jr., who will be his guests during the holidays. Mr. King will fill his pulpit at the Sixth Street Advent Christian Church today at the usual hours.

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The many friends of little Miss Mellie Guilford Longfellow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Longfellow, regret to know that she is quite sick at the home of her grandmother with scarlet fever. Only the child, nurse and mother are quarantined. It is hoped the little one will be out again soon, as she is doing very nicely just now.

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Mr. Harry P. West arrived yesterday morning from New York City, where he is now making his home, to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. H. P. West, No. 310 Chestnut street. Mr. West has made his home in the metropolis for the past several months and has been most pleasantly greeted by his many friends in this city.

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Mrs. W. W. DuRant and Master Attan DuRant left yesterday morning for Kinston, N. C., to be with her sister, Miss Mary Olinger, who underwent an operation some days ago at the Kinston City Hospital. Mr. DuRant will leave this morning for Kinston, where he will join his wife and child and together they will go to Snow Hill, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. DuRant's parents.

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Messrs. D. C. North and P. L. Easterling were "at home" to a number of their "stag" friends at their apartments, No. 210 North Third street, last night from Christmas eve to 12 o'clock. The affair was most delightful for its informality and the hospitality of the hosts. Half a dozen or more of their personal friends dropped in for the evening and voted Messrs. North and Easterling "princes of good fellows."

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### MARRIAGE TOMORROW OF POPULAR COUPLE.

Many friends of the couple will learn with pleasure of the announcement of the approaching marriage of Mr. Geo. S. Boylan and Miss Lucy Lee McIntosh, which will be solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Lizzie McIntosh, on South Fourth street, tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Wooten, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, will perform the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The ceremony will be a very quiet affair and no invitations have been issued. Mr. Boylan and Miss McIntosh are very popular among a host of friends who will wish for them every measure of happiness

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### TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON THURSDAY NIGHT

The Sunday School of Southside Baptist Church will give a Christmas entertainment at the church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Thursday night of this week, which promises to be one of the most elaborate and enjoyable affairs of the kind ever given in the city. Arrangements for the event have been completed by Mr. J. H. Curtis, the superintendent, and the various committees. A most attractive programme will be rendered. It will be featured by a play entitled "The Greatest Day of the Year." There will be special costumes for the play and local artists are now engaged in painting attractive scenery. Besides the play and other features there will be music, both vocal and instrumental, of a high order.

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### DOYLE-JORDAN WEDDING OF INTEREST LOCALLY

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jordan, of Carthage, Tenn., announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mattie Algood, to Mr. George Harris Doyle, formerly of Wilmington, but now residing in Norfolk, Va., to occur at the Methodist church in Carthage, on the afternoon of December 28th, 1911, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Doyle is connected with the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and is located with that company in Philadelphia for the Winter. He is a brother of Mrs. R. W. Farmer, of Wilmington. Miss Jordan has a host of friends and is an accomplished young lady.

Owing to a recent death in the groom's family the wedding will be very quiet.

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### SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY

All friends of the work will be delighted to know that the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals has been quite satisfactory and that with the continued generosity of the public during this gladsome season, the ladies of the Red Cross Society will have realized their fondest hopes with respect to the sale of these beautiful little reminders of the generosity of the people. The young ladies at the postoffice disposed of about 5,000 and sales will continue to the New Year. The stamps also may be had at leading stores and at hotel and other cigar stands. All friends of the work are urged to use the stamps in making acknowledgements of Christmas presents and on all Christmas and New Year's mail. Banks and other institutions having to mail checks or other notices at the first of the year can do no better than to affix one of these seals on every envelope.

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### WILMINGTON BOY CLAIMS BRIDE AT TEACHEY'S.

Friends of Mr. George C. Montford will be interested to learn of his marriage yesterday at Teachey's, when Miss Bertie Teachey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Teachey, became his bride, Rev. W. B. Rivenbark officiating. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of Mr. Rivenbark in the presence of only a few friends and relatives. The marriage partook of the nature of a surprise affair and none of the groom's friends here learned of the happy event until late yesterday evening.

The groom is the son of the late County Commissioner B. S. Montford and Mrs. Montford, and is employed in the freight claim department of the Coast Line offices here. His bride is a most charming young woman and will be welcomed to this city by the groom's host of friends. The happy couple will reside at the country home of the groom, on the Masonboro road.

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### PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING YESTERDAY EVENING.

A quiet but pretty church wedding was solemnized last evening at 7:30 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal Church when Miss Julia Holmes Harrison became the bride of Mr. William F. Tomz, Rev. W. E. Cox, the rector, officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few friends and relatives. The bride was given away by her cousin, Mr. Owen D. Holmes. Following the ceremony the happy couple were showered with the congratulations of the assembled friends along with their best wishes for a long and a happy wedded life. They left on the early train this morning for a bridal tour to points of interest in the North.

Mrs. Tomz is a most charming young woman and is the daughter of Mrs. Julia Harrison, of No. 115 North Third street. The groom is connected with the N. Jacobi Hardware Co., and is a most promising young business man. Both are very popular among a wide circle of friends, to whom they will be at home on their return from the North at No. 115 North Third street.

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### WILL WED ON XMAS AT CHRISTIAN PARSONAGE

Friends will be interested to learn of the forthcoming marriage of Mr. Donald Hill Cole and Miss Lillie Lake Cox, both of this city, which will be solemnized this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. H. C. Bowen, pastor of Dock Street Christian church, will perform the ceremony, which will be at the parsonage. Miss Cox is the daughter of Mrs. T. B. Cox, of this city, and Mr. Cole, while an adopted Wilmingtonian, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Cole, of Jacksonville, N. C. Both of the young people are popular among a wide circle of friends, who will wish for them a long and happy wedded life.

The prospective groom is one of the popular traveling salesmen for Messrs. Wm. E. Springer & Co., and the bride-elect has for some time been connected with the local agency of R. G. Dun & Co. The only attendants at the wedding will be Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller, brother-in-law and sister, respectively of the bride. After January 1st, they will be at home in this city at No. 611 South Second street.

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### POPULAR CAROLINA COUPLE WEDDED AT MARION, S. C.

The following from the Winston-Salem Journal of December 16th, will be read with much pleasurable interest by a host of friends in eastern Carolina:

On Thursday afternoon a marriage that will be of much interest to many people in this city, where the groom is well known, occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Dozier, in Marion, S. C., when their niece, Miss Elizabeth Dozier, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. W. C. Abbey, was joined in wedlock to Mr. Robert Lee Foy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Foy, of this city, and a prominent young business man of Scott's Hill, N. C. The bride was given away by her father, Miss Carrie Foy, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, while Mr. V. R. Sidbury, of Scott's Hill, officiated as best man.

The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of white beaded chiffon over mesaline, her hair being adorned with a bandeaux of pearls. She carried a huge bouquette of lilies of the valley and bride's roses. The maid of honor wore a serge suit and carried a profuse bunch of pink carnations.

While the bride and groom stood in front of the beautifully decorated pyramid holding 19 lighted candles, representing the age of the bride, the ceremony was performed by Rev. S. B. Harper.

Immediately following the ceremony and congratulations from many friends in attendance the bridal party repaired to the dining room, where was a sumptuously laden table presided over by the host, assisted by Mrs. John McCowan, of Florence, S. C.; Mrs. Neil Murphy, and Mrs. Paul Bostick, of Marion, S. C.

The happy couple were the recipients of many handsome presents, which were displayed in the reception room.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy left Marion amid a shower of rice on the afternoon train and arrived in Winston-Salem yesterday afternoon. Yesterday evening a reception was given in their honor at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Foy, in Salem. A six o'clock dinner was given consisting of three courses. Quite a number of the friends of the groom were present at the dinner and reception.

The out-of-town guests present at the marriage were Mrs. J. T. Foy, Mrs. F. M. Foy, Mrs. J. H. Harrel, Master F. M. Foy, Jr., and Mr. Roderick Sidbury, of Scott's Hill, N. C.; Mrs. John McCowan, of Florence, S. C.; Mr. J. Lawrence Dozier, of Conway, S. C.; Mr. H. S. Foy of Winston-Salem, Miss Carrie T. Foy, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. H. S. Foy, Jr., of Dallas, Tex.

The bride and groom will continue their bridal trip to Northern cities today. After December 25th, they will be at home at Scott's Hill, N. C.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. A. King, of Topsail, was in the city yesterday on business.

—Mr. D. J. Sessoms, of Ivanhoe, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

—Mr. T. E. Lupo has returned from Newson, N. C., and will spend the Christmas holidays at home.

—Dr. M. L. Hargrove leaves this morning for Clinton to spend a week or more with friends and relatives.

—Mr. Harry L. Williams, of the Williams Motor Car Company, Dillon, S. C., is in the city to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

—Mr. W. R. French, representing the Fruit Growers' Express, operating the Armour car lines of Chicago, is in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

### THE QUEEN THEATRE

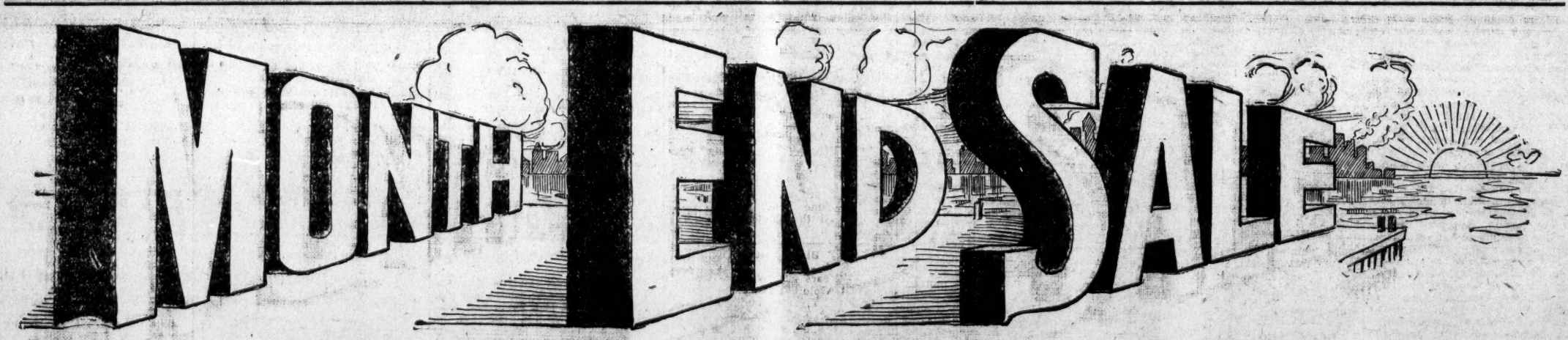
**High-Class Amusement Resort for Colored People Just Opened**

The 'Queen Theatre" is the name of a new and up-to-date house of amusement that has just been opened for the benefit of the colored people, the location being Eighth and Queen streets. It is said to be the largest, finest and best equipped vaudeville theatre in the South for colored people and the management proposes to conduct it in a thoroughly orderly and up-to-date manner. In addition to a number of vaudeville acts three times a week, there will be motion pictures changed daily. The doors open at 7:30 o'clock and the performance begins at 8 o'clock promptly. The admission is only 10 cents.

**Dog Bit Young Boy**

Master Walter G. Hatch, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Hatch, was bitten by a dog Friday afternoon at the postoffice. The young fellow leaned down to pat the dog on the head and it snapped at the child and buried its teeth in his face. The boy was taken to the office of Dr. Morris M. Caldwell and given treatment and it is not believed that injury will be of any serious consequence . Reports yesterday indicated that the little fellow is getting along splendidly. The dog is owned by George Murray, janitor at the postoffice.


*Five Days--Beginning Tuesday, December 26th*




# A GENERAL WIND-UP

**As a fitting close to our most satisfactory year's business, we are going to close out all stocks of Fall and Winter merchandise at reductions ranging from 10 to 50%**

Not alone the Special Holiday Goods, but Also Such Stock as is Generally Classed as Fall and Winter Goods. We Must Have Room for Spring 1912 Goods, soon to arrive.

It is Not Necessary to Describe the Class of Goods we Carry. All Wilmington Buyers Know.

OUR READY TO WEAR DEPARTMENT MUST SUFFER most of all. Suits valued from $20.00 to $35.00 to be closed out at $12.50. Long Coats at Cost—both ladies' and misses.

BALANCE OF STOCK IN ART DEPARTMENT—Many bargains here. Now that the Christmas rush is over, there is plenty of time to do Fancy Work.

ALL CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES SACRIFICED—No such thing as carrying these goods over. All must move at some price. A good supply of Dolls still on hand.

MILLINERY—Some for Half, and some for Less. Balance of Millinery must move. Our Advance Spring Goods will soon be here, MRS. C. W. LEIGHTON.

RUGS, MATTINGS, ETC.—Here's where you get great values. We want to dispose of 25 Art Squares this week, and we will do it, if prices count for anything—and they do.

*Buy This Week and Save a Big Difference. Cash to All. The Cash Man Is the Happy Man.*

## CARD OF THANKS

With every reason to be Thankful, we take this method of acknowledging the Good Will of Wilmington Shoppers, expressed in the volume of business given us during Fall 1911, and more especially during the past week.

**Platt & Haar**

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your Christmas be Merry, and your New Year Happy. May 1912 have Many Blessings in store for you.

ROBERT C. PLATT,
G. HENRY HAAR.

# HOLIDAY QUIET IN STOCKS

**Weekly Review of Henry Clews & Co. —Casting Up As to Cause and Effect With Beginning of New Year**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Holiday quiet overshadows the stock market. This is the period for closing accounts, stock taking and other operations incidental to the close of the year Aside from activities connected with the holiday trade, it is apt to be one of the dullest periods of the year. In the stock market proper it is usually a time when every effort is made to anticipate the effect of January disbursements. This year these are estimated at over $220,000,000.

The question arises will the usual proportion of this sum come into Wall Street for permanent investment? There is some reason to expect that it will not. The main reason is the high cost of living for all classes. Whether this be due to high prices, to extravagance or to higher standards of living matters little. People are certainly saving less, and as all new capital must come from the nation's savings it follows that there will be a smaller proportion applicable for investment purposes than usual. Another element in the business situation is that the high cost of living compels investors to seek and insist upon the largest returns possible on investments. The same tendency towards better returns arises from another direction—namely, that a reduction in the supply of new capital will oblige those who want it to pay higher rates. In short, as a result of existing conditions, capital is going to command better wages just as labor has already succeeded in doing. What the effect of this will be upon the financial situation remains to be seen. It is well known that our large railroad corporations have special needs for new capital next year, and to find buyers it is evident that they will either have to place them at comparatively low prices or else pay somewhat better rates of interest. In all probablity the present year will be a record-breaking one in the issue of new securities owing to the exceptionally heavy output during the first half of the year. During the last six months the issues have been held back because of adverse conditions. Should the investment outlook become more favorable, it is quite likely that there will be a flood of new offerings. The requirements of our railroad systems to meet the pressing demand for better terminal facilities in our great cities are sure to be exceptionally heavy. Doubless there is an abundance of capital awaiting investment, particularly if confidence becomes more firmly established, but between the necessity of raising much new capital and the insistence of investors upon profitable returns it is a problem whether there is much chance for any prolonged rise in values. Should the market be pushed much higher it would materially check this demand.

General business is quiet. Conditions, however, appear sound. There is not so much complaint about the volume of business as about profits. In the interior a rather more cheerful tone prevails and bankers at the West anticipate a moderate, but not very pronounced improvement. It must be remembered that last year was not a season of big crops. On the contrary, the total yield was slightly below the average. There was one striking exception. The South produced a crop of cotton far beyond expectations and much too large for current requirements. Some authorities estimate the yield at fully 2,000,000 bales more than can be possibly consumed. The result is an abnormally low price for cotton. Of course, there will be a sharp curtailment in acreage during the coming Spring, and the cotton left over must be carried either by the grower, manufacturer or speculator to make good any possible deficiency next year. The low price of cotton is naturally a serious disappointment to the South. The losses from this cause, however, are evidently being exaggerated, and according to the report of the Department of Agriculture will not aggregate much over $150,000,000 compared with last year. That crop, however, was a record one in value, and this year's crop in value will probably be much above the average. So all stories of Southern losses and consequent agitations should be received with corresponding reserve.

The money situation is reasonably satisfactory. Some slight stringency may develop towards the close of the year, but this will be only temporary. Funds will very soon be coming back more freely from the interior and considerable American money is still employed in Europe, where it can be recalled when necessary. The situation abroad is generally satisfactory. Trade is more active in both England and Germany, and this in time should help the United States. Our export trade reflects this condition and continues active, with the foreign demand for American steel products still continuing a marked feature. Our own iron trade continues active and there are no signs of abatement. Big orders for rails are coming in, and our car shops are overcrowded with orders. Prices are slightly firmer and about 80 per cent of the total capacity is fully employed. Those best informed predict continued improvement in the iron trade, the railroads from sheer necessity being heavy buyers.

Concerning the immediate future of the market, we would advise caution. In the active stocks there has now been an average rise since the low point of last September of about 10 points and considerably more in a number of the specialties. During the week there have been signs of realizing, and it must not be overlooked that stocks have been passing from strong into weaker hands. Facts of some significance regarding the ownership of our principal railroads and industrials have been published this week. They showed that 234 railroad and industrial concerns with a combined capital of $10,700,000,000 were owned by about 980,000 stockholders their average holdings being about 109 shares. The significant feature of this statement, however, was that on an increase of only 1 1-2 per cent. in capital reported there was an increase of 7 per cent. in the number of stockholders. This rapid increase in the percentage of owners compared with the small percentage of increase in capital suggests a wider distribution of securities among the public than has been generally supposed. In some respects it is desirable that these holdings be more widely scattered, but the stock market is apt to take the view that speculative investments are passing into weaker hands.

HENRY CLEWS.

## MARINE.

**Cleared.**

Schr. Edward R. Baird, Jr., 263 tons, Calhoun, Baltimore, C. D. Maffitt.

Schr. Bayard Hopkins, 212 tons, Hopkins, Georgetown, C. D. Maffitt.

Schr. White Wings, 624 tons, Coombs, Philadelphia, C. D. Maffitt.

Schr. Augustus H. Babcock, 1,229 tons, Quinlin, New York, C. D. Maffitt.

Str. Glenmay (Br.), 1,375 tons, Richards, Havre, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Carib, 2,080 tons, Hale, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

**Exports—Foreign.**

Havre—Br. str. Glenmay, 9,751 bales, valued at $487,900; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

**Exports—Coastwise.**

Philadelphia—Schr. White Wings, about 600,000 ft. kiln dried lumber; cargo and vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

Baltimore—Schr. Edward R. Baird, Jr., 290,000 ft. pine lumber; cargo by Camp Manufacturing Co.; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

New York—Schr. Augustus H. Babcock, 22,164 pine and oak cross ties; cargo by G. T. and W. A. Flynn; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

**MARINE DIRECTORY.**

**List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.**

**Steamers.**

Hillmere (Br.), 2,239 tons, Griffiths, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Brunswick (Br.), 1,940 tons; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Belle Isle (Fr.), 1,382 tons, St. Martan, Helde & Co.

Bengrove (Br.), 2,389 tons, Barber, Helde & Co.

**Schooners.**

Warren B. Potter, 311 tons, Hammett, C. D. Maffitt.

Eliza A. Scribner, 350 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Mineola (Br.), 270 tons, Forsythe, C. D. Maffitt.

Sylvia C. Hall, 285 tons, Sprague, C. D. Maffitt.

Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett, C. D. Maffitt.

Stephen G. Loud, 40 tons, Hart, C. D. Maffitt; in distress.

**WILMINGTON MARKETS.**

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 22.

No markets—Holiday.

**NEW YORK PRODUCE.**

New York, Dec. 23.—Butter, barely steady. Creamery specials, 40; extras, 39; firsts, 35@37; seconds, 32@34.

Cheese—Firm. State whole milk, under grades, 13½@15.

Eggs—Unsettled. Fresh gathered extras, 38@40; extra firsts, 35@36; firsts, 33@34; seconds, 29@32.

**DRY GOODS.**

New York, Dec. 23.—The cotton goods market closed with a slightly firmer tone. A fair demand for linens is reported with supplies light. Yarns are easy. Holders of burlaps are firmer, on all spot goods.

**WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.**

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 22.

All grades steady and quiet.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.25; machine-picked, $1.20.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, 95c.; machine-picked, 90c.

Virginia—Prime hand-picked, 75c.; machine-picked, 70c.

**PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.**

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 20.—Spanish—Firm at 80c. per bushel. Virginias—Firm. Jumbo, 4c. per lb. Fancy hnd-picked, 3⅝c. to 3¾c. per lb. Extra prime, 3½c. per lb.; Prime, 3c. per lb.; Machine-Picked, 3c. to 3½c. per lb.

## ARRESTED "WHITE SLAVER."

**Complainant Against Prisoner Becomes Defendant Himself.**

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 23.—Pasquale Fusco, complainant against Pasquale Pigniulo, a secret service man employed in running down "white slavers" for the Department of Justice, who was accused of blackmailing Fusco and accepting a bribe, was arrested by Federal officers this afternoon as the case against Pignuelo went to the jury in the Superior Court. The charge against Fusco is that he has engaged in the "white slave" trade, this specific allegation being taken from his testimony against Pigniulo. District Attorney Robinson demanded bail of $10,000.

During the trial Pigniulo, secret service men expressed their belief that "protection" money had been given to local police officers. An inquiry into the police administration is expected.

The jury in Pigniulo's case later reported a disagreement and was discharged. Pigniulo was released under bonds of $5,000 pending determination of future proceedings.

## HEAVY SUGAR CROP.

**Conservative Authorities Predict Heavy Increase Over Last Year.**

Havana, Dec. 23.—That the coming sugar crop will break all records appears now to be reasonably certain. Conservative authorities who recently accepted 1,700,000 tons as the highest possible production for the year, now predict 1,825,000 tons, which would aid the record of 1910 by 25,000 tons.

Other authorities place the estimate as high as 1,875,000 tons. The increase is attributed to the continuance of warm weather which is favorable to the growth of the cane. Indications are that the good weather will continue during the grinding season.

## LAMP EXPLODED.

**Mother and Child Fatally Burned as a Result.**

New York, Dec. 23.—In trying to fill an oil lamp which was lighted, Mrs. Jennie Caleno caused an explosion tonight which set her dress afire at her home in Brooklyn. Her little six-year-old son Phillip tried to beat out the flames with his baby hands, but his clothing also took fire and mother and child were fatally burned. Three men who were attracted by the mother's cries were severely burned, while extinguishing the flames.

## FATAL ARGUMENT

**Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Shot Sister's Head Off**

Olvey, Ak., Dec. 23.—After an argument tonight over the division of Christmas purchases, Bryan Bridewell, 13 years old, pointed a gun in the direction of his sister, 11 years old, the trigger of the weapon caught on his coat and the weapon was discharged full in the girl's face. Her head was torn from her body. The boy declares he had no intention of injuring his sister.

# COL. THOS. S. KENAN ENTERS INTO REST

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on the bench. Such were the men with whom young Kenan had to contend, at the time he entered upon the practice of the law, but he shrank not from the contest.

In April, 1861, young Kenan entered the military service of the State as captain of the Duplin Rifles. In March, 1862, he was elected colonel of the Forty-third Regiment, North Carolina troops. He was also elected colonel of the Thirty-eighth Regiment upon its re-organization at Goldsboro, but declined this and remained with his old regiment. He remained with his regiment until the 4th of July, 1863, at Gettysburg, where he was wounded, and captured on the retreat, he was sent to Johnson's Island and was there confined as a prisoner of war until March, 1865, when he was released with several hundred prisoners of war and returned home just before the surrender of the Confederate army.

He was elected to the Legislature in 1865-66 and 1866-67. In 1868 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the black district, but the district was hopelessly Republican, and he made the canvass of it with no other hope than to rally the Democratic forces and inspire confidence for future contests. In the same year he married Miss Sallie Dortch, daughter of Dr. Louis Dortch, of Goldsboro. In June, 1868, he moved to Wilson and resumed the practice of the law. In 1872 he was a delegate to the National Democratic convention at Baltimore that nominated Horace Greeley for President. In the same year he was elected mayor of Wilson and served as such after repeated elections, until 1876, when he was elected Attorney General and was re-elected in 1880, serving for a period of eight years. After his term as Attorney General expired he was elected clerk of the Supreme Court, which office he now holds.

Col. Kenan had two brothers, James G. Kenan, who was sheriff of Duplin county, and W. R. Kenan, now dead and the father of Mrs. H. M. Flagler, and one sister, Miss Annie Kenan. Under Cleveland's administration William R. Kenan was collector of customs at Wilmington. So it will be seen that the Kenan family in all its history has been a family of distinguished men, who have always had the confidence of the people and occupied high social and official positions. Col. Kenan is a product of the old South, when honor, chivalry, courtesy, culture and hospitality were the leading characteristics of her people. He was reared in the Cape Fear section, where there were refined and wealthy planters, and the society of that region was probably the most cultured in the State. I have frequently noticed the men of that section and they were always distinguished for their refinement, their elegant manners, their superb courage, their lofty dignity and for every noble and generous virtue that can adorn and embellish human character. It is but natural that a man reared amid such gentle, soft and refined influences should partake of their character and become a man of culture, of modesty and gentle manners.

The man of gentle breeding, of noble birth, is always modest and unassuming. I have frequently noticed the contrast between men of this kind and those who sprang from obscurity and afterwards attained wealth and position. About the latter class there is a swaggering, blustering air that is disgusting to men of refined taste. They boast that they are self-made men and want people to recognize the fact. Somebody asked Gen. Toombs one day about self-made men and he said: "It took God Almighty to make a man." Take Jefferson Davis as a type of man who was a man of gentle breeding. He was as tender in his feelings as a woman; graceful, cultured, patriotic, honest, chivalrous and as brave as a lion. He could weep a human suffering and charge a hundred cannon. I could give the names of men of the other class, but I will not do so, as it would be offensive. A distinguished judge who was reared a gentleman remarked to me not long ago about a certain lawyer who was not a man of much education. "He makes more blunders than any man I ever saw, and he never seems to realize it. If a man of education were to make them he would be mortified and hang his head in shame." I have known Col. Kenan for more than 40 years and I never heard him say a harsh or unkind word about anybody. Like all true gentlemen, he is modest, gentle as a woman, courteous, chivalric and he is like Jefferson Davis said a man ought to be: "Humble not to the great nor oppress the humble."

He is too pure, too honest, to be a successful modern politician. To be successful in this age requires brass impudence and the ability to change and swim with the passing current I heard one of the best lawyers in the State say the other day, "I don't believe that I can ever take the interest in politics I once did, for I feel that I have no party. The Democratic party has become so populistic and so socialistic that I can't become enthusiastic over its principles as I did in the old days." I find it is the position of a great many men who are actuated by principle in politics. Such men are honest and sincere, and it is humiliating to them to have to cast their ballots for men and measures that are not in harmony with their convictions. Jefferson Davis was a man of honest convictions and he would rather have died than to have done violence to his conscience. If it had been necessary to go contrary to his convictions to secure an office, he would have spurned it as an unclean thing. I have heard Col. Kenan frequently speak of him as his beau-ideal of a man and a statesman. He took him as his model, and he need not regret that he admired such a pure, patriotic statesman and such a heroic man, who exercised authority vested in him, not to oppress, but to bless mankind. It is good thus to exercise power:

"Power, 'tis the favorite of gods
Who look with smiles on men who can aspire
To copy them."

The word gentleman means much, and but few men can aspire to this honor. Some writer has defined the word gentlemen "to be those whom their blood and race doth make noble and known." In England the word gentleman was founded upon a title granted by the King, but in Rome in the early days, it rested "on old riches or powers remaining in one stock," In this country it rests upon neither wealth nor titles, for the poorest man may be a gentleman. Of course, birth and riches are advantages that are not to be ignored. Old Uncle Caesar, my father's carriage driver, was as perfect a gentleman as I ever saw. He was polite, respectful, courteous, kind, amiable in his disposition, soft and gentle in his manners. What more could he have? If he had been educated, he would have been almost perfect. I wish I possessed that old slave's virtues.

In the South, before the war, there was a class of men who were the finest type of gentlemen that the world has ever seen. They were honest, cultured, hospitable, charitable, gallant, and no knight in the age of chivalry was ever more respectful to the fair sex. Col. Kenan is among the last of the gentlemen of the generation preceding the war, and when they are gone the finest type of the gentleman will have disappeared. No man in the State was more fortunate in his surroundings and associations than he was. His father was a man of ample means and was able to give all his children a collegiate education.

His association was with such men as George Davis and Col. Robert Strange, of Wilmington, and Judge A. A. McKoy, three as accomplished men as any State ever had. I knew them all and there were no finer types of men. They were each entirely different from the other, George Davis reminded me somewhat of Jefferson Davis. He was about the same figure, with an open, frank, honest expression of countenance easy, natural, graceful in his manners and was among the four finest orators that the State has produced in my day, the other three being H. W. Miller, D. K. McRae and J. C. Dobbin. Col Strange was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was equally as cultured as Davis, but was more reserved in his manners, more grand, stately and majestic in his bearing. He looked like a King. Judge McKoy was more bland, more affable and more social. He always had a smile on his face and when he greeted you he made you feel that he was glad to meet you. Davis had the culture, the learning, the grace and dignity to have made a great Senator. Col. Strange would have made a model Governor, equal to any the State ever had. Col. Kenan is worthy to rank with these three men, for he possesses their numerous virtues; he is gentle, refined, affable, graceful and dignified. These men have shed lustre upon their State and deserve to live in the memory of her people as a precious example to the youth of our country. The words of the poet may be applied to them:

"I have scanned the actions of their daily lives
With all the industrious malice of a foe
And nothing meets mine eyes but deeds of honor."

In writing about the living I feel like an eagle with his wings dipped. I can't turn myself loose, for if I were to say what my heart prompts, it would sound like fulsome eulogy. I love to write of a man of such sterling worth, of such rugged honesty, of such inflexible integrity, and of such unaffected modesty, which is the sweetest charm and the richest gem in the diadem that embellishes human character. No man in our State has more equipoise, a more amiable disposition, more gentle manners and has achieved for himself a more stainless and splendid name than the subject of this sketch.

C. S. WOOTEN.

LaGrange, N. C.

**Supreme Court Adjourned.**

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—The North Carolina Supreme Court adjourned sine die this afternoon until next February, after handing down opinions. Joseph L. Seawell was made acting clerk so the business of the court might proceed.

## RANCHERS FEEDING ANTELOPE.

**Game Kept from Starving on Account of Snow in Kansas.**

Hutchinson, Kan., Dec. 23.—Hundreds of antelope in Greeley county, on the west line of the State are kept from starvation by ranchers, who are putting out alfalfa and kaffir corn on the snow covered plains, where the herds aer wintering.

The snow, which is more than a foot on the level over Greeley county, has for the first time in ten years completely covered the short grass and every weed.

## UNION OF BLUE AND GRAY.

**Colonel, 81 Years Old, Weds ex-Confederate Soldier's Daughter.**

Newburg, N. Y., December 23.—Col. Aaron Halstead Taylor, 81 years old, a widely known horseman and Union veteran, was married by County Judge A. H. F. Seeger yesterday afternoon at his home, in Central Valley, to Miss Henrietta Clark, of Charleston, S. C., the daughter of an ex-Confederate soldier.

The romance dates back to the days of the Civil war.

New York, Dec. 23.—Both defeating Harvard by the score of 3 to 1 in the final round of the twentieth annual intercollegiate chess tournament today, Columbia University successfully defended her title to supremacy at Chess, which was captured by a close margin over Yale in 1910. Columbia's quartet finished with a total of 10 1-2 points out of a possible 12. Harvard still leads in the play over a series of years by nine gains to eight Columbia.

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 24.—The strike of the dockers and carters was settled through the mediation of the government arbitrators at 3 o'clock this morning. The men will receive the advance in wages which they demanded. The strike resulted in serious disturbances on Tuesday last and troops were sent out to quiet the rioters. Twenty thousand workmen were involved.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Champ Clark, Speaker of the National House of Representatives, arrived in St. Louis tonight for a two day stay with friends who have opened up headquarters in their campaign to obtain the Democratic Presidential nomination for the speaker. He says he is optimistic about Democratic successes in the coming National and State compaigns.

Vienna, Dec. 23.—Latest reports from the palace indicate that Emperor Francis Joseph's progress is satisfactory. The Emporer has been suffering for the past week from a severe cold. His cold has now almost disappeared, his appetite is good and he sleeps undisturbed.

## THE WEATHER.

**United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.**

December 24, 1911.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 56 degrees; at 8 P. M., 61 degrees; maximum, 64 degrees; minimum, 56 degrees; mean, 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 1.01 inches; for the month, 3.03 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 2.5 feet and rising.

**Weather Forecast.**

For North Carolina—Local rains and colder Sunday; Monday, probably fair; light to moderate west winds, becoming variable.

**Port Calendar—Dec. 24.**

Sun rises . . . . . 7:15 A. M.
Sun sets . . . . . 5:08 P. M.
Day's length . . . . . 9 hrs. 53 min.
High water at Southport . . . 10:30 P. M.
High water at Wilmington . . . 1:30 P. M.

**WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.**

December 23, 1911.

| STATIONS: | Weather at 8 P. M. | Temperature: Highest Today | Temperature: Lowest Last Night. | 24-Hour Precipitation 8 P. M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | clear | 52 | 32 | .0 |
| Asheville | raining | 52 | 44 | .0 |
| Atlanta | cloudy | 56 | 44 | .04 |
| Augusta | cloudy | 64 | 44 | .16 |
| Birmingham | raining | 60 | 50 | .06 |
| Boston | clear | 50 | 42 | 1.44 |
| Charleston | cloudy | 68 | 60 | .52 |
| Charlotte | cloudy | 56 | 42 | .06 |
| Chicago | cloudy | 34 | 30 | .0 |
| Galveston | cloudy | 48 | 48 | .18 |
| Jacksonville | raining | 70 | 68 | .08 |
| Memphis | raining | 44 | 42 | .08 |
| Mobile | cloudy | 60 | 58 | .94 |
| Montgomery | cloudy | 60 | 54 | .44 |
| New Orleans | cloudy | 58 | 56 | 1.04 |
| New York | clear | 50 | 44 | .20 |
| Palestine | cloudy | 42 | 38 | .10 |
| Oklahoma | clear | 42 | 16 | .0 |
| Pittsburg | cloudy | 42 | 42 | .10 |
| Raleigh | cloudy | 60 | 42 | .20 |
| Savannah | cloudy | 68 | 60 | .82 |
| Shreveport | cloudy | 44 | 42 | .12 |
| St. Louis | cloudy | 38 | 30 | .0 |
| Washington | cloudy | 52 | 40 | .10 |


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Reidsville, - - North Carolina.


**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.**

Pursuant to the direction and power contained in the last will and testament of William H. Stone, deceased, late of Brunswick county, North Carolina, the undersigned executors of the said last will and testament will on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1911, at Southport, at the Court House door, in Brunswick county, North Carolina, at 12:30 o'clock P. M., sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidders, all of the real property of the said William H. Stone, situated in Shallotte Township, Brunswick County.

Pursuant to the provisions of said will, the said lands will be divided into four equal parts and each part will be sold separately.

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R. R. STONE,
B. O. STONE,
Executors.

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Razors, 1 pair in Morocco Leather Case, $2.50 to $5.00. Gillette and Durham Duplex Razors, in Fancy Cases.

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To the average man a well balanced selection of Christmas gifts comes as a complete surprise. Fondly his appreciative eye dwells on each other in turn. "What a corking good layout and each the best of its kind."

There lies the secret—give him some practical article that he'll instantly realize as first class. There are rare gift possibilities in the Christmas specials shown below:

Neckwear, in Fancy Boxes; Combination Sets; Mufflers; Silk Handkerchiefs; Linen Initial Handkerchiefs; Kid Gloves, dressed or undressed; Bath Robes in all new designs; Top Shirts, fancy and plain; Hats and Caps for men and children; Boys' Suits; Men's Suits, and Young Men's Suits, the best makes.

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We have a fine selection of many articles suitable for Christmas gifts, including a great variety of leather goods, brass and metal novelties, fine pictures and illustrated books, all the latest fiction, children's books, Christmas cards and calendars, fine stationery in fancy boxes, fountain pens, Eastman's Kodaks, Globe-Wernicke bookcases, and Victoria talking machines, records, etc.

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## RUSSIAN COUNT ARRESTED.

### Was Taken to New York by Two Detectives.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 23.—Andre de Guarrowski, said to be a Russian count, who has been in America for 27 years, left here tonight for New York in custody of two men, said to be an immigration detective at New York and a Pinkerton detective. Further than the fact that the detectives said that they had United States warrants for the Russian's arrest, nothing more could be learned.

Guerrowski was detained by the immigration officials upon his arrival in New York October 21st from a six weeks' visit, but was released after several days, when he returned to his estate near Lynchburg. He maintained at that time that he did not know why he was detained unless it was thought he was an enemy of the Russian government. He scouted this idea, claiming to be a Russian royalist.

Tonight it is said Guerrowski's movements have been watched for two months by secret service men, but it cannot be learned why he was taken in custody. Guerrowski has been living for a year near Lynchburg and has, he claims, estates at Miami, Fla., and Red Banks, N. J. He has been abundantly supplied with money since coming here and has always met his obligations promptly.

The trio left Lynchburg on the Southern's Memphis special at 7:30 o'clock, their tickets and Pullman reservations being for New York City.

## CONVICTS VISIT GOVERNOR.

### Wearing Stripes, They Are Taken Before Blease to Plead for Pardon.

Columbia, S. C., December 22.—John Y. Garlington, formerly president, and James Stobo Young, formerly secretary of the Seminole Securities Company, who recently served a term in the penitentiary for defrauding stockholders out of $55,000, were given an audience by Governor Blease, who listened to their arguments for a pardon.

Wearing prison stripes under their overcoats, they were taken under guard in a closed carriage to the State House. Governor Blease told Garlington that if he had told the jury the same story which he had told him, he would nave been acquitted. The Governor reserved decision.

The Governor not long ago visited in his prison cell a condemned murderer in order to satisfy himself as to the man's sanity. Although a commission in lunacy had declared the man sane, Blease reached the conclusion that the man was insane, and commuted his sentence.

## RUSSIA RELAXES

### Her Treatment of German Jews Not So Vigorous

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The minister of commerce has informed the senior merchants' guild that Russia is relaxing her vigorous treatment of German Jews. It is said that this is the result of the guild's protest to the treatment accorded Jewish commercial travels in Russia. The Governo" of Kiev has issued a decree that German Jews traveling on business would be allowed to reside in any quarter of the city. Up to recently Russia has answered Germany that she could not accord any more favorable treatment to German Jews than to Russian Jews.

Encouraged by this concession and the President's action the guild expects to forward a petition to the American, German, French and British governments asking that they make united protest at St. Petersburg and request the same treatment for Jewish travelers as is accorded Christians.

## REV. RICHESON'S CONDITION

### Is Apparently Improving---Receives Many Christmas Gifts

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—With his physical condition apparently improving steadily, Christmas gifts and flowers coming to him from friends, and a Christmas dinner promised by two of his former parishoners, the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, had much to make his day cheerful in the Charles street jail today.

Tonight Richeson's physicians reported him as recovering rapidly from the self-inflicted injuries of Wednesday and the District Attorney's office declared that everything seemed favorable for the beginning of his trial on January 15th on the charge of the murder of Avis Linnell.

One of Richeson's gifts today came from his former fiance, Miss Violet Edmands, of Brookline. It was a large box said to contain fruit and confections.

## POST OFFICE SAFE ROBBED.

### Robbers Secured $16,000 in Stamps, Notes and Stocks, at Hardin, Ky.

Hrdin, Ky., Dec. 23.—A band of robbers secured $600 worth of stamps and $10,000 worth of notes and stocks, when they blew the safe in the post office here today.

The explosion of the heavy charge of nitro-glycerine used in blasting open the safe shook the entire town, and caused a panic among the residents, many of whom rushed half clad from their beds. Although a posse was formed no trace of the robbers could be found, and bloodhounds will be put on the trail as soon as they can be obtained.

The papers taken were the personal property of Post Master Stark, and some of them are negotiable.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Platt & Haar—Month End Sale.
A. David Co.—To Our Customers.
J. W. H. Fuchs—Merry Christmas.
Shrier & Solomon—Grand Reduction.
W. B. Thorpe & Co.—Every Good Wish.
D. R. Foster & Co.—A Merry Christmas.
Home Savings Bank—A Happy Christmas.
Southern Lumber Journal—Pressman Wanted.
A. D. Brown Dry Goods Co.—A Merry Christmas.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—A Joyous Christmas.
People's Savings Bank—And Now for the New Year.
People's Savings Bank—To Our Depositors and Friends.

**Business Locals.**

Lost—Walking Cane.
Lost—Gold Locket.
For Sale—Steamboat.
Wanted—Modern House.
For Sale—Office Fixtures.
At Auction—Building Lots.
For Rent—Furnished Room.
Wanted—Unfurnished Rooms.
Found—Bulb from Auto Horn.
American Factories Co.—Salesmen.
J. Gordon Malcolm & Co.—Capital.
United States Calendar Co.—Sideling Salesmen.

## MORSE GROWS WORSE.

### Fears for the Banker's Life Are Now Entertained by Physicians.

Atlanta, Dec. 23.—The condition of Charles W. Morse, the former New York banker, was such today that fears for his life were entertained by his friends, unless he should be paroled or pardoned soon. Death is not expected momentarily, it was reported by physicians who have been attending him, but ultimate recovery from his maladies is doubtful.

According to Dr. A. G. Fowler, who was called into the case, his condition is serious, but not necessarily such as to cause alarm right now.

Morse was examined yesterday at the army hospital at Fort McPherson, whence he was taken from the Federal prison. As a result of the examination, which was by post surgeons and local doctors, a telegraphic report was sent to Washington. It followed the weekly report sent in by the military surgeons yesterday.

Morse is suffering from angina pectoris, Bright's disease and is partly paralyzed on his right side. He is forced to remain in bed most of the time. His wife, sister and daughter are with him.

## NEGRO LYNCHED.

### He Shot and Killed Marshal of Georgia Town.

Donaldsonville, Ga., Dec. 23.—Town Marshal C. A. Roberts was shot and killed this afternoon by a negro named John Warren, who was captured shortly after and summarily lynched by a mob that had followed the officer who went to arrest Warren.

The negro had engaged in a quarrel with Gus Newburry, a white man in which he threatened Newburry with a pistol. Warren was chased out of town by witnesses, but Marshal Robers, on learning of the affair, started in pursuit.

Overtaking the negro on the outskirts of the town the marshal ordered him to climb out of his wagon, whereon the latter wheeled and opened fire. Roberts returned the fire and both men were wounded. In attempting to drag the blaek from his seat Roberts fell dead from his wounds.

At this stage the men who followed Roberts came up and literally shot Warren to pieces. Roberts leaves a large family.

## PROSECUTOR REFUSES REQUEST

### Wife-Slayer Will Remain Under Indictment.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—Contending that the three line indictment charging Allison M. MacFarland with the murder of his wife by cyanide of potassium poison did not contain sufficient detail of the allegation, Frank McDermott, counsel for the prisoner, applied to the Supreme Court today for a bill of particulars, and when refused this he asked that the indictment be quashed, and this was also denied.

Attorney McDermott complained to Justice Kalisch that he had been unable to obtain from Prosecutor Mott any further details of the State side of the case than was contained in the indictment.

Prosecutor Mott replied that the State had no report of autopsies or chemical analysis, but refused any further information, and Justice Kalisch declared that he knew of no rule that compelled the State to show its hand.

## PRINT TARIFF BOARD REPORT

### Wool and Woolen Schedule Will Be Ready When Congress Meets

Washington, Dec. 23..—The report of the Tariff Board on the wool and woolen schedule will be printed and properly indexed by the time Congress re-assembles January 3rd, it was stated today by Senator Smoot, chairman of the Senate committee on printing. He said the work of printing the report was being rushed as fast as possible at the printing office.

The report will make about six volumes of probably four hundred pages each. One thousand copies go to the Finance Committee for its use and distribution and twelve hundred and seventy-four copies will be printed for members of Congress. The report will be indexed by the Tariff Board and not by the printing office as is usually the custom.

## MUST FIGHT OR RUN.

### Gen. Bernardo Reyes Located by the Scouts of Gen. Trevino.

Monterey, Mex., Dec. 23.—Located once more by the scouts of General Geronimo Trevino, General Bernardo Reyes, self appointed leader of the "Constitutionalists," the name he has given the insurgents, must either fight or run again. Scouts reported to army headquarters today that they had secured information regarded by them as accurate, that the outlawed general was on the Viga ranch, not far from Burgos, a town in the State of Tamaulipas, this afternoon. Gen. Trevino sent orders to Col. Manuel Garcia Lugo to invade the ranch in search of Reyes.

Officially it is not admitted that Reyes has with him any men other than the five, who were with him when he crossed the border, but private advices variously estimate his following from a score to several hundred.

## URUGUAYAN STEAMER WRECKED

### A Crew of 25 Men Were Aboard—Five Bodies Washed Ashore.

Bordeaux, Dec. 23.—The Uruguayan steamer Rafael from Montivideo has been wrecked off Coubre Point on the west coast of France, at the mouth of the Gironde. The Rafael carried a crew of 25 men. Five bodies have already been washed ashore.

The coast continues in the grip of the storm which has lasted for several days. The score of sailing vessels have been driven on the rocks, the crews being rescued with difficulty. All incoming vessels report damage, several of them have had men swept overboard by the heavy seas.

The steamer Rafael hails from Montevideo and was built in 1890. She registered 2,341 tons.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Manzanares arrived here today with the crew of the British schooner Virginia. The Virginia was sighted several days ago flying signals of distress. She had been dismasted on the voyage from Cadiz to New Foundland. The rescue of the men was effected with great difficulty in tempestuous seas and the schooner was abandoned.

## MISSIONARY WRITES.

### Tells of Good Work of Americans in Chinese Battle.

Washington, Dec. 23. — "I could write volumes about how fine our boys were—gentlemen, every one of them—and far above the average in intelligence," is what one of the American missionaries, caught in the jaws of the great struggle in China, wrote to the American Board of Foreign Missions at Boston.

Secretary John L. Barton, of that board, transmitted the missionary's report to the Navy Department. It tells particularly how Ensign Karl F Smith and Assistant Surgeon James G. Omelvena, attached to the U. S. S Pompey, rendered splendid service at the great battle of Foo Chow, not only in protecting the missionaries and their property, but in caring for the Chinese wounded in the mission hospitals.

Acting Secretary Winthrop has caused this commendation to be entered upon the records of the officers named, and has sent them letters of commendation.

## MEXICAN TROUBLES

### Train Held Up---Protest Ill-Treatment of Neutrality Brokers

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—Zapatistas held up and looted a freight train at Tresmarias, Morelos, 65 miles south of here today. A passenger train following was not molested.

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—Efforts of a certain group of Mexicans to bring about an anti-American demonstration tomorrow have been met by refusal on the part of Governor Antonio Riviera, of the Federal district, to issue the necessary permit, on grounds that for such a demonstration "there exists no reason which would justify it."

A call for the manifestation in question was published in Gilblas. It invited all Mexicans to meet in front of the American embassy for the purpose of protesting against the alleged ill-treatment of Mexicans along the border, including the imprisonment of those charged with violation of the neutrality laws. Gilblas editorially deprecated the manifestation as ill-advised.

## HOME WAS LOOTED.

### Man Finds Everything in Home Carted Away by Robbers.

Saltsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—A jolting Christmas surprise was expressed today by L. H. Shaner, general foreman of the rolling mill department of the United States Steel Corporation, at Gary, Ind., and brother of Armstrong county's sheriff, when he discovered that everything in his home had been carted away by robbers. Furniture, carpets, sashes, pictures, in fact everything was stolen.

Shaner, who formerly worked at the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company's mill here, was ordered to Gary three weeks ago. His wife and family went to her parents' home at Apollo, Pa., and the house was locked up.

Shaner returned today to prepare his household goods, valued at $3,000, for shipment to Indiana. The house was bare. Shaner reported his loss to his brother, the sheriff.

## RUSSO-AMERICAN DISPUTE.

### French Paper Expresses Hope That Trouble Will Soon be Settled.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Temps in a leading article on the Russo-American passport dispute expresses the hope that the question will be settled quickly and amicably as the cost to both countries will be dear if they engage in commercial reprisals.

The Temps is inclined to lay the blame for the controversy on the exigencies of the coming American Presidential election and the necessity of capturing the Jewish vote. It expresses the opinion that Wall Street is making a mistake if it allows the situation to go so far as to permit Germany and England to replace the United States in the growing Russian market.

## EXECUTOR IS OUSTED.

### His Attorneys Say it Was Merely a Matter of Formality.

New York —Attorneys for Louis S. Owsley, of Chicago, against whom a temporary injunction was issued yesterday restraining him from acting as auxmary executor of the estate of Charles T. Yerkes, gave out a statement tonight declaring that the injunction was merely a formal matter. The proceedings to oust Owsley which have been begun by executors of Mrs. Yerkes' estate in effect are only a revival of proceedings begun by Mrs. Yerkes herself a year ago, it is declared. "Another time," the statement explains. "Owsley filed a verified answer to charges contained in Mrs. Yerkes' petition," but the proceedings are halted by Mrs. Yerkes' death.

## MAN'S BRUTAL ACT.

### Young Lady Telephone Operator Knocked Unconscious.

New York, Dec. 23.—By a vicious blow on the head with an edged implement in the hands of an unidentified man, Miss Anna Keller, a telephone operator, 22 years old, was struck down on the Richmond turnpike, Staten Island, tonight, and mortally injured. The police have been unable to solve the mystery of the attack upon the girl's assailant who made no attempt to rob and evidently struck the one blow and fled. Miss Keller revived sufficiently to tell of noticing a short man who wore a cap walking up behind here and of feeling a terrific blow and then losing consciousness.

## EMBEZZLER ARRESTED.

### Geo. R. Harvey of Philadelphia, Will Answer to Shortage.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—Charged with embezzling more than $18,000 as adminstrator of the estate of Mrs. Jane J. Hammond, of Philodelphia, George R. Harvey, 38 years old, of this city, was arrested here tonight and is held for the Philadelphia authorities.

Harvey disappeared from Philadelphia two weeks ago. He was employed there as a salesman for an automobile company. It was thought by his friends that he had met foul play.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 23.—The 1912 schedule of the Naval Academy Baseball Club was announced today. Among the dates are April 20, University of North Carolina; 27th, University of Georgia; May 1st, University of West Virginia; 15th, Washington and Lee.

## LOCAL UNION SUSPENDED.

### Ignored National Union Order and the Latter Took Action.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The local car men's union, known as division No. 477, of the International Amalgamated Association of Street & Electric Railway Employes, has been suspended by the international body and ordered to surrender its charter. A telegram to this effect was received here today by representatives of the international organization from W. D. Mahon, president of the parent body. Mahon declares that the action is the outcome of the "insubordination and refusal" of the local division to abide by the laws and the rules of the association. The trouble between the local union and the international association is the result of a decision in the local body to give C. O. Pratt, formerly a national organizer, a position. Pratt, who managed the last two car strikes in this city, was defeated for re-election as national organizer and was subsequently made an officer in the local union. The national body declared that Pratt could not hold the office as he had never been employed on the cars here. The local union ignored the national body and the suspension was the result.

## TESTIMONY FOR DEFENSE.

### Leading Politicians and Officials Will Witness in Behalf of Marks.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 23.—Leading Iowa politicians, officials of some of the large banks of the city, former city and county officials, and one former deputy United States marshal are among those who will be called to testify in defense of Benjamin Marks on trial for conspiracy in the swindling of various persons throughout the United States of sums ranging from $1,000 to $30,000 and aggregating more than one million. This announcement was made today by counsel for Marks.

Practically all the evidence to be presented by the prosecution which is being led by Attorney General Cosson, of this State, was in when court adjourned today for two days and the defense will open its case early Tuesday.

Ernest E. Hart, National Committeeman from Iowa, Republican, and president of the First National Bank, of this city, will be one of the leading witnesses called by Marks' attorneys.

## SIXTEEN YEARS IN PRISON.

### Man Convicted and Sentenced for Murder—Found to be Innocent.

New York, Dec. 23.—A Christmas present to John Boethman, of Brooklyn, today was the dismissal of charges which will lead to his release from Sing Sing prison after 16 years' service on conviction for a murder of which the Supreme Court now finds him to be innocent. The necessary testimony was supplied by two men who kept silent at a time when he needed them to prove an alibi, because, they said, they were afraid of being hounded by the police.

While in Sing Sing Boethman met a doctor imprisoned on a minor charge, who promised to aid, was released and as a result of the doctor's activity, recently, the necessary witnesses were found—the proprietor and bar tender of a music hall, both of whom have made affidavit that Boethman was in their place at the time the crime was committed.

New York, Dec. 23.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $12,547,300 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $2,924,050 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

## BUSINESS LOCALS

**Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51. A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams, but a small charge for strictly A. D. T. calls or telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams, bills rendered to suit the sender daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call Western Union, 'Phone No. 2. But for advertisements, always call the Star office, No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone—but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.**

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**AT AUCTION**—16 large, very desirable dwelling lots in the town of Burgaw, N. C., on Monday, January 1st, 1911, at 10:30 A. M. Terms: One-fourth cash, balance 6, 12 and 18 months. A. H. Paddison, Burgaw, N. C. de24,27,31-3t

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**SALESMEN WANTED**—In every State by old established manufacturers to sell paints and roofings; side line on liberal commissions; pocket samples free. Goods well known and advertised; reorders credited salesmen; state territory. Thomas Mfg. Co., Dept. 19, 215 S. Main st., St. Louis, Mo. de24-1t*

**LOST**—On street car, or from Front and Princess streets to the telephone office door, gold locket. Monogram "S. J. P.," containing picture of two girls; has 11 or 13 sets. Reward, if returned to 409 Brunswick street. de23-1t

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**FANCY TOMATOES,** lettuce and celery. Dressed chickens, turkeys and geese; very best of veal, beef, lamb and pork; nice pineapples, oranges, grape fruit, apples. See our supply before you buy your supply for Xmas. Oysters. Palace Market Co., 'phone 72. de23-tf

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**FOR SALE**—The finest saddle horse in the city. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. no30-th,su-tf

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**STOLEN**—One white setter bitch with lemon colored ears, named "Bab." She has leather collar with brass badge on, which is inscribed "1910 F. M., Scranton, Pa." I will give $20 for arrest or information locating the thief. L. J. Merriman, 404 Orange street. de22-3t

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**NOTICE**—If you want to make your wife or husband smile Xmas morning, stop by D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co.'s, No. 130 Market street, and buy a present that will please any wife or husband. D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co., J. B. Griffith, Mgr. de15-tf

**FOR SALE**—5 6-room houses corner 2nd and Queen streets. This property must be sold right away. We have a nice piece of property on North Front street; will make plenty of money; call at our office, 207 North Front street, and let us tell you about it. If you have any property for sale, see us. We have several parties that want to buy city property. We also have a customer that wants to buy a nice home on some good street. Must be in a nice neighborhood. Hanover Realty Company, 207 North Front street. de8-tf

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100 10-pound Tubs Butter.
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50 Buckets Peach Preserves.
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100 Boxes Stick Candy.
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# To Our Depositors and Friends

THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS of this institution extend to you our Best Wishes for a Real, Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We wish to thank you for your patronage during Old 1911, and we hope that the year 1912 will bring you Wealth, Health and Happiness.

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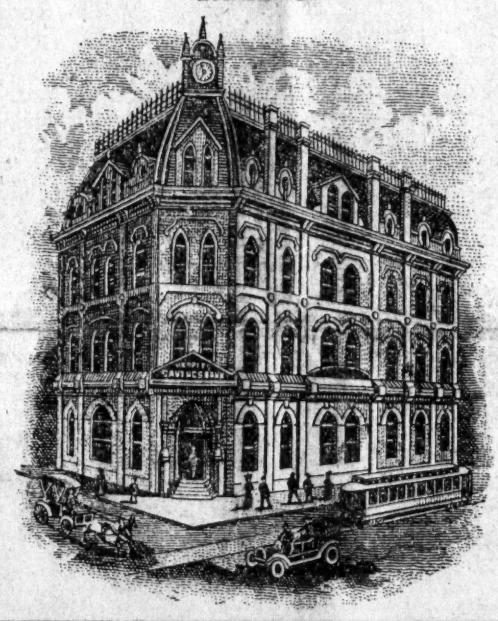

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By Opening an Account with us this week you will carry out this resolution, and will strive hard to save a part of your earnings each week or month in 1912.

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## N. C. FISHERIES CONVENTION

### Review of Work Accomplished at Recent Gathering at Newbern, N. C.—Resolutions as Prepared by the Committee

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 23.—There was held at Newbern, N. C., on December 13th, a convention of particular interest to eastern North Carolina as it related to the fish and oyster industry. Delegates from nearly all of the eastern counties which have commercial fisheries were in attendance and that they were interested in the work of the convention was evidenced by the fact that all of the delegates were in constant attendance at all three sessions and took an extremely active part in the discussion.

The convention was opened with prayer by Dr. J. N. H. Summerell, and then a very cordial welcome was extended to the delegates by the Hon. Romulus Nunn in behalf of the Mayor and citizens of Newbern; and that this welcome was a real one was manifested by the many courtesies extended to the delegates by the city. The response was very appropriately and effectively made by the Hon. T. J. Markham, of Elizabeth City. Judge A. W. Graham was elected permanent chairman of the convention, and presided over the sessions of the convention in his usual inimitable manner.

The object of the convention was stated by Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, who spoke in part as follows:

"As you all know, this convention has been called by the North Carolina Fish Commission, which, however, has jurisdicition over only part of the State; by the North Carolina Oyster Commission, which alsod has jurisdiction over only part of the State; and by the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, which has jurisdiction over no part of the State These three commissions or departments of the State have felt that some definite action should be taken regarding the great decline in our fishing industry. When I speak of nshing industry I include fin fish, oysters, and, in fact, everything that comes out of the deep water that can be included under commercial fisheries. We are here, therefore ,to devise some means by which these commercial fisheries can be built up and perpetuated for future generations."

The two principal speakers at the morning session were the Hon. W. Mc Donald Lee, commissioner of Fisheries of Virginia, and Dr. H. F. Moore, of U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. Both these gentlemen spoke on the general subject of what other States have accomplished in the building up and perpetuating of their fishing industries. Mr. Lee spoke especially in regard to Virginia, and his remarks were extremely timely and to the point and were listened to with the keenest interest by his audience. He showed how Virginia had been able through the Fisheries Commission to build up the oyster and fin fish industries until now Virginia stands first of all the Atlantic States in the value of her fishing industries. He compared conditions as they exist in North Carolina at the present time with those that existed in Virginia six or ten years ago, with the comparison perhaps unfavorable to North Carolina. Dr. Moore spoke in considerable detail as to how Louisiana is building up her oyster industry and illustrated his remarks as to what States can do by referring to Connecticut, New Jersey, Rhode Island and other States. His address was full of the information which the delegates wanted, and both his and Mr. Lee's address invited a great many questions from the delegates which were fully answered by these gentlemen.

And at the afternoon session the first question considered was:

"Is the fisheries question of North Carolina to be considered a State or a local one?"

The discussion was started by Mr. George N. Ives, of Newbern, and he was followed by Mr. Theodore S. Meekin and Mr. C. S. Vann. The delegates then took up the discussion and there was not a single one but what expressed, either directly or indirectly, the opinion that the question of the fishing industries is a State is not a local one and can best be handled through a State Fish Commission.

The third question for discussion which was started at the afternoon session and continued at the night session was:

"What North Carolina can do to build up her fishing industries."

This discussion was started by Judge A. W. Graham, of Oxford, N. C., who described in considerable detail the work of the legislative committee of 1909. He was followed by a number of others, who, after describing conditions as they exist in their particular sections of the State, would usually end up by saying that something has to be done to enforce the laws, and usually it meant, as has been stated above, that the best thing which could be thought of was the establishment of a State Fisheries Commission, with power to enforce laws and make regulations to cover the local conditions.

At the afternoon session the Committee on Resolutions made its report, as follows:

**Report of Committee on Resolutions**

1. That we recommend that this convention organize a permanent association to be known as the North Carolina Fisheries Association and that a president; a first vice president, secretary and treasurer; and vice presidents representing each county represented in this convention and other counties engaged in commercial fishing; and an executive committee to be composed of the president first vice president, secretary and treasurer, and seven other members of the association be elected.

2. That a legislative committee be appointed by the president by and with the advice of the executive committee, said legislative committee to be composed of members of the association representing the different sections and different branches of the fishing industry.

3 Your committee respectfully recommends the following officers to serve for the term of one year and until their cuccessors shall be appointed, viz: For president, Mr. George N. Ives, of Newbern, N. C.; first vice president, C. S. Vann, Edenton, N. C.; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill, N. C., executive committee, Messrs. E. R. Daniels, of Dare county; T. J. Markham, Pacquotank; W. H. Jones, of Pamlico; C. H. Sterling, Beaufort, C. S. Wallace, Carteret; Julian Wood, Chowan, and A. S. Rascoe, Bertie.

4. That the annual dues to be paid by the members of the association shall be twenty-five cents.

5. That the executive committee formulate and establish rules by which the association shall be governed until the next annual meeting of the association, at which time the committee shall recommend suitable by-laws and a constitution.

6. That the convention recommend the enactment by the General Assembly of a Statewide law regulating the preservation and taking of fin fish and shell fish in and from the waters of the State and providing that such law shall be executed by a fisheries commission appointed by the General Assembly or otherwise as may be provided, said commission to be vested with powers to promulgate rules and regulations that shall have the force and effect of laws and shall have the power to fix the penalty for the violation thereof, and that said law be formulated by the legislative committee to be appointed at this meeting and to report at the next annual meeting of this association.

7. That the executive committee shall fix the time and place of the next annual meeting.

8. That the vice presidents of the association be recommended by the delegates in attendance from each county and appointed by the president to hold office until the next annual meeting.

9. That the convention extend its thanks to the Board of Commissioners for the county of Craven for the use of the Court House, and to the Newbern Daily Journal, and the Newbern Sun, and to other newspapers of the State, for their kindly notices of this convention, and to the Chamber of Commerce, of the City of Newbern, and to the citizens of Newbern generally, for their uniform kindness and courtesy, and to the railroad companies which gave reduced rates to delegates to this convention.

This report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

As is seen from the above resolution, the North Carolina Fisheries Association was organized, with 58 members, representing —— counties.

ing the coming year a campaign of education will be carried on not only in eastern North Carolina, but also in the central and western parts of the State, to bring the people to a realization that the fishing industry of the State is a very important one, is a State problem, and needs conserving. The committee on legislation representing the association, will make a study of the recommendations that have been made of how to remedy the condition of the industry, and will make a report to the association at its next annual meeting, when the association will draft a bill to present to the Legislature of 1913.

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In view of the rapid disappearance of the herds of elephants which formerly roamed in Africa, and the limited number of those animals remaining in Asia, attention has been called to the enormous supply of ivory which exists in the frozen tundras of Siberia, and which, it is thought, will probably suffice for the world's consumption for many years to come.

## USES OF WOOD TURPENTINE.

### Interesting Bulletin Issued by U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23. — The conservation of natural resources is twin sister to the economic use of present waste material, and in no case is this more obvious than in our forest products. In the waste wood of the South and Northwest, from the lumber industry, there is more than sufficient material to yield annually all the papers (except news) paper and box board, and building board, required, for which wood is suitable. More methyl alcohol, acetate of lime and acetone can be produced from it than is now made in the country, and large quantities of ethyl alcohol may also be recovered. There are millions of acres of cut-over land covered with stumps and dead and down timber, all of which because of its resinous nature decays very slowly, enudring for years.

The tops, stumps, slabs and sawdust, dead and down timber from fires and storms, furnish one of the great undeveloped resources of the country.

From this waste wood the entire output of naval stores, embracing turpentine, rosin, tars, pitch, rosin spirits, and rosin oils, having an annual value of at least $30,000,000, may be obtained without boxing or turpentining a single tree.

It was not Secretary Wilson's purpose to discuss the details of equipment or technique of the various processes by which this utilization of the waste wood can be achieved, as it is a comparatively simple problem for the experienced chemical engineer, but to emphasize the importance of saving the waste, if we intend to conserve the growing timber, without reducing the present tremendous use of our forest products.

"Our scientists," said the secretary, "have been doing experimental work, and have collected information which leaves no doubt that wood turpentine can be so refined as to be made to correspond closely with genuine spirits in all those properties by which the suitability of turpentine as a paint and varnish thinner, is judged. Wood turpentine which has been refined so as to free it from heavy oils, can be used in well-entilated places without serious inconvenience to workmen, and is a suitable paint and varnish material, except possibly for the highest grade varnishes, and it may be employed even for these purposes without detriment to the paint or varnish.

The secretary caused the interior wood work of the new building of the Bureau of Chemistry to be painted with zinc oxid and linseed oil thinned with wood turpentine, and the workmen were not seriously inconvenienced, or made ill, although the odor was unpleasant. The turpentine behaved well under the brush, and after 18 months there is no apparent defect in the paint.

Wood turpentine can be recovered from any of the coniferous woods, but the long leaf yellow pine of the South, the Norway pine of the Central North, and Douglas fir, of the Northwest, contain a sufficient resin to justify working them.

As far back as 1841, patents relating to this subject were issued, but the process was not developed until within recent years. The difficulty of supplying the increasing demnad for turpentine has increased during the past ten years, owing to the rapid decrease of the supply of live pine timbers suitable for even the most advanced system of turpentine orcharding, and has turned the attention of business men and inventors to devising and exploiting apparatus and processes for the recovery of the turpentine from the waste coniferous lumber.

The secretary referred to the census reports which show that the production of gum spirits of turpentine in this country is on the decline, the 38 1-2 million gallons produced in 1900 being worth $14,960,235, and the 29 million gallons in the year 1909, bringing $12,654,000, and stated that according to the best estimates the output of our mills is 16,000,000,000 board feet of Southern pine, Douglas fir and Western pine; that there is at least half that amount of waste at the mill and in the forest, or approximately 8,000,000 cords of wood available for the recovery of turpentine and resin, the manufacture of paper, etc., from which an average of 3 gallons per cord may be secured, or nearly as much as the entire output of turpentine in 1909.

The department is about to issue a monograph on the distination of resinous woods, especially the product wood turpentine, and any one interested in this phase of conservation should ask for Chemistry Bureau Bulletin No. 144.

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While kerosene is now generally recognized as better than any drug store or barber shop preparation for the hair, it is not generally known that crude oil is better still. Used once a week it will destroy dandruff and promote a fine growth of hair.

## FAMOUS OPERA HOUSE TO GO

### Metropolitan to Give Way to More Modern Structure—Difficulty of Handling 1,100 Carriage Calls—New Record for Real Estate

New York, Dec. 23.—While no official announcement has yet been made, it is now generally understood here in the best informed circles that the Metropolitan Opera House, long the most famous centre of music in this country and one of the most famous in the world, is to be abandoned, so far as grand opera is concerned. Official confirmation of what will be one of the most important events in the musical history of the country is expected before the end of the year. For twenty-eight years, that is since its construction in 1883, the Metropolitan has been the country's operatic cradle and center. At the time of its erection it was looked upon as an epoch-marking undertaking, costing for the ground and buildings over $1,700,000. The first performance of grand opera took place in it on Oct. 22, 1883, and since then practically every famous artist during the last quarter of a century has been heard there at one time or another.

Now, however, many conditions unforeseen at the time the opera house was built, have brought about the need of a more convenient structure, which will probably be located somewhat further uptown. One great difficulty which the architects of the new building must solve has to do with the handling of the arriving and departing carriages and automobiels.

This was simple enough twenty-five years ago. Now, however, on a big night, there are more than 1,100 carriage calls, necessitating long and irritating waits. While the passing of the Metropolitan will undoubtedly cause widespread regret, it will result in giving New York the greatest and most complete opera in the world, when the new structure is completed.

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Real estate selling at $866.55 a square foot is the new record price which has just been established here by the sale of a corner lot less than 35 feet square. The exact area of this small bit of property is but 1,154 square feet, but the total price is $1,-

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# GOSSIP OF FOREIGN CAPITOLS

**What Is Doing In "Gay Paree"—News and Comments From the Russian Capital—No Diplomatic Circles**

Paris, Dec. 23.—Prof. W. M. Davis, who is lecturing at the University of Paris as the official representative of Harvard University, is receiving many honors in Paris, both within and without the university.

The most important recent function at which he was the guest of honor was a brilliant luncheon given at Boulogne-sur-Seine by the Society "Around the World," which was founded by Albert Kahn. Prince Roland Bonaparte, president of the French Geographical Society, presided. A large number of other distinguished Frenchmen were present, as well as many Americans. Among these were Miss Alice Longfellow, daughter of the poet; Harry W. Dana, grandson of the poet Longfellow, and Dr. Hamilton Rice, all of Boston.

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Dr. Walter Lichustein, professor and librarian at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., has received from the Spanish government the decorations of Brilmega-Villaviciosa and Gerona.

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The Queen of Spain's second son, Don Jaime, who this past Summer underwent two successful operations at Fribourg to overcome defective hearing, will return to the care of Swiss specialists on January 15 for further treatment. It is probable that the Queen will accompany her child to Switzerland. Several months ago the royal patient was taken back to Mrdrid. It was found that he could both speak and hear better and had much improved in health, but it is thought advisable for him to return again to Switzerland in order to attempt a perfect and permanent cure.

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This Winter is showing a record influx of Americans to Swiss mountain resorts. The great attraction for Americans is the Winter sports. Between 40 and 50 Swiss hotels which heretofore have been closed in the Winter, will remain open this season to supply the steadily increasing demand for accommodations. Elaborate sport programmes are being arranged for visitors. The most popular sport is that of skiing and bob-sleighing.

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The dramatic end of the great French socialist, Paul Lafargue, who committed suicide with his wife because he did not wish to live longer than the age of 70, created a profound impression in France, and was widely commented upon both by the socialistic and non-Socialist press. The conservative Temps said:

"His voluntary death adds a conclusion terribly logical to the militant life of this passionate theorist. The idea of Lafargue and his wife was the sublime belief in the coming of a perfect society which their brains had carefully outlined. Powerless henceforth to help their own great project, they passed beyond, leaving a testament of hope. But their passing was the end of a dream."

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French automobilists are protesting vigorously against Switzerland for its alleged campaign against automobiles and automobilists. It is claimed that the laws make it impossible for even reasonable motoring in the country of the Alps, for motorists are constantly at the mercy of vexatious laws, all intended to keep the automobilist from the country. In 1905, as the result of alleged exasperating measures by Swiss towns, the International Association of Automobile Clubs formulated a proposition leading to a formal boycotting of Switzerland. In consequence of explanations furnished and promises given, it is claimed, the proposed boycott was abandoned, but according to French automobile circles, it is likely that it will again come up for discussion unless the canton authourities of Switzerland bring about a less burdensome series of regulations.

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A commission of eminent politicians, men of letters, librarians and others, under the presidency of Bienvenu Martin, has been appointed by the government to inquire into the present position of the Bibliotheque Nationale, France's great national library, which is reduced to serious straits owing to a lack of funds. The French Parliament votes annually only $16,400 for the acquisition of new works. For a similar purpose the library at Washington disposes of $90,000, the Berlin Royal Library $46,400, and the British Museum $70,000.

A critic says: "Lord Roseberry's definition of a library as 'a cemetery of dead books' is most applicable to the Bibliotheque Nationale, for numerically speaking, it is the richest library in the world, possessing no less than 3,000,000 volumes, but in quality it is sadly lacking. It is relatively poor in scientific works; quite a fifth of the most recent works on sciences and industry are wanting, and lack of funds makes it impossible to supply the deficiency."

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At last the Impressionist School of Art will have a home in the Louvre. It was one of the last measures of M. Homolle before his retirement to do justice to the school of Maret and Renoir. Impressionists will be neighbors of Ingress and Delacroix, a room having been reserved for them in the Pavilion de Flore; thus the Louvre will display the whole of the French school of painting of the 19th century.

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According to the believers in charms and spells, 13 is Rostand's lucky number, being found involved in all the happy events of the poet's career. Edmond Rostand (13 letters), son of Eugene Rostand (13 letters), made his literary debut with "Les Musardises" (13 letters), and is the 13th holder of the 13th arm chair in the French Academy.

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St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—A more progressive attitude has been exhibited by the Council of Empire at its present session by the passage of the bill for religious freedom, which it had kept in the committee stage for over three years.

Though the measure issues from the Council of Empire in a shape greatly differing from the version passed by the Duma, and with amendments limiting somewhat the operation of the principle of equality of religions, it is generally recognized that that principle has been satisfactorily sustained by the upper chamber. The bill embodies in fit legislative form this principle of equality of religions, or of liberty of conscience, as proclaimed by imperial manifesto on April 30, 1905, which was the forerunner of the October manifesto.

The object of the manifesto was to remove the administrative ban upon conversions from Orthodoxy—the state religion of Russia—to other Christian or non-Christian sects. Thirty or forty thousand non-Russians in the provinces of Kazan, Simbirsk and Penza returned from Christianity to Mohammedanism and other beliefs in virtue of the right granted by the manifesto. Nearly half a million ex-Catholics and ex-Uniates (United Greeks) who had joined the state church under compulsion, at various periods of violent Russification, returned to the fold of the Catholic church in virtue of the same right, and liberty of passing from one denomination to another was taken advantage of by all who had felt oppressed in their religious convictions.

The bill deals only with the passage from one Christian confession to another, or from a non-Christian confession to a Christian one. It ignores the possibility of back-sliding from Christianity, tacitly leaving in force, however, the paragraph of the manifesto giving such unwilling Christians a chance to escape from it. As the paragraphs of the Criminal Cade imposing a penalty for defections from Orthodoxy were repealed in 1906, the situation leaves any Russian subject free to follow his religious ideas, though the state takes cognizance only of declarations of adherence to any one of the constituted Christian congregations.

These include practically any form of Orthodox, Catholic or Protestant non-conformity, the only requirement being that the believers shall compose a congregation regularly organized and duly registered by the provincial authorities, and thus empowered to keep metrical books (registers of births, marriages and deaths). Amendments providing that the state shall register conversions from Christianity to one of the non-Christian religions were rejected by the council. The view which obtained support was the one holding that Russia is a Christian country which can tolerate defections from the ranks of Christianity, but can not acknowledge them.

The bill recognizes the unrestricted right of religious adherence only for persons of age. Forty days must elapse after the formal declaration of a change of adherence from one church to another before it can take effect, but this term may be disregarded in the case of persons stricken with serious illness. Article 5 of the measure expressly declares that a person passing from one religion, confession or creed to another does not suffer on that account any restriction or limitation of his or her personal or civil and political rights before the law. A reactionary amendment tending to deprive deserters from Christianity of the right of holding state office, acquired or inherited rank and of exercising the right of jury, as well as active and passive electoral right, was rejected by an overwhelming majority of the council.

The most important provisions of the bill deal with the religious adherence of persons under age. Children under 14 remain in the church where they were baptized, unless both parents or the single living parent pass from one sect to another. In that case they may follow their parents or parent in the new sect, if the elders desire it. Children over 14 remain in their former faith, but may join their parents' or single living parent's church, with their consent. In case only one of the parents changes their faith, children under 21 remain in the faith professed by the other parent.

Three important amendments proposed by P. N. Durnovo, ex-minister of the interior, and adopted by the council, provide first that children over 14, whose parents belong to a non-Christian or heathen sect or creed may be converted to Christianity before they are of age; second, the children of such parents may be converted to Orthodox Christianity even if they are younger than 14, with the consent of the parents, and third, that the consent of the parents may be dispensed with, for important reasons, with the permission of the Holy Synod in each cae.

The last amendment was adopted by the close vote of 73 to 71. These three amendments enable young Jews, Mohammedens and others to embrace Christianity without their parents' consent. Between the ages of 14 and 21 this right includes any Christian denomination. Under 14 it is confined solely to the Orthodox state church, either with or without the consent of the parents.

## GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO PLAY

Plenty of room for dives and dens
(glitter and glare and sin)!
Plenty of room for prison pens (gather the criminals in)!
Plenty of room for jails and courts
(willing enough to pay)!
But never a place for the lads to race;
no, never a place to play!
Plenty of room for shops and stores
(Mammon must have the best)!
Plenty of room for running sores that
rot in the city's breast!
Plenty of room for the lures that lead
the hearts of our youth astray,
But never a cent on a playground
spent; no, never a place to play!
Plenty of room for schools and halls,
plenty of room for art;
Plenty of room for teas and balls, platform, stage and mart.
Proud is the city, she finds a place for
many a fad today,
But she is more than blind if she fails
to find a place for the boys to play!
Give them a chance for innocent sport,
give them a chance for fun,
Better a playground plot than a court
and a jail when the harm is done!
Give them a chance, if you stint them
now, tomorrow you'll have to pay
A larger bill for a darker ill, so give
them a place to play.—By Dennis A. McCarthy, in November Chancellor.


## BETTER THAN SPANKING

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.


## WILMINGTON MINSTRELS

**The Old Grouches At It Again**

Tambo — Hello, Bonesy! W'ere you bin all dis time I ain't seen you?

Bones—Hibernatin', Son. I'se been libin' in a cyclone cellar dese past few weeks, 'til dis here burglary bus'ness blows ober; dat's w'at I say.

Tambo—So you'se scairt, is yer? I thought you always done told me you was brave.

Bones—I is; you hab got me viceversaed, dat's all. Y' see, I'se simply afeard of de temptation; de rest of dose boys is habin' such luck, and such a helluva cinch collecting spoils hit's all I kin do to keep from goin' in de graft.

Tambo—Huh! Now you had better discard dat idea right immediately, now, cause as soon as I commence to co-labborate wid Mister Moore, we'se gwine show you a ting or two.

Bones—How's dat, Tamby?

Tambo—Why, man, didn't you know dat I am studyin' to be a policeman? Yessuh, I am takin' a cop course at a great big correspondence college.

Bones—Is dat so? Dis is indeed mos' interestin'. And wat am de studies?

Tambo—Oh, breakin' myself of insomnia, and cultivatin' a taste for beer. It am great, I tell you.

Bones—And do dey hab a college yell?

Tambo—I dunno; I ain't got to dat part yet, but I think so; I think is must be Help! Help! Help! Murder!

Bones—W'ere are dose blood hound dogs dey had, noway?

Tambo—Deyse back runnin' rabbits in de country again. You can laft, but jes' you wait till I qualifys.

Bones—By de way, dat was a sure fine lookin girl you was walkin' wid, de las' time I seen you.

Tambo—Tanks, old man. My wife!

Bones—Wat, you married! My gracious; howcome dat nice lookin' girl to eber marry you? Heh?

Tambo—Now you know, dat's the only thing about de marriage dat's worried me. Between ourselves, though, and widout it goin' no furder, I think it must hab been for my money. Yessuh! You know I'se recently been promised a job as corn-ductor by de Tightwad Power Company. Ain't it scandalous how news does trabel?

Bones—Say!

Tambo—All right.

Bones—Dis here Commission form of city government is about de only one I can recall—

Tambo—Yes, and de rest of us, too. Go on, nigger; go on.

Bones—Oh, well; tell me who is dis aggressive lookin' gentleman purling down de thoroughfare.

Tambo—Why, man, dat am de Moses of de defunct recall movement.

Bones—And wat am dat peculiar gait of his'n? Gee, it's radiatin'!

Tambo—Dat was annexed in a burst of patriotism, and he ain't quite broke hisself of it yet. It am a sort of terpsichorean mobement—called de Can Can.

Bones—I surely am glad dey decided not to pave Front street wid dem wooden blocks.

Tambo—Why?

Bones—Dey's so similar to some people's heads 'round here dat I sure would have a delicacy in walking across dem.

Tambo—Dat's right, Old Scout. T'ell wid de lumber trust, anyway!

Bones—I'se gwine digress some. Why you reckon dese burglaries eber started here noway?

Tambo—Oh, dey found dese local inhabitants such easy pickin's on de Southport Soiree dey thought to make a finished job of it.

Bones—Say; dis town ain't advertised sufficiently; dat's wat. Wat, now, would a sure-enough booster wid about five thousand latitude, do for de old burg, huh?

Tambo—I shudder to think. Things would be movin' so dat some of de older set would have to spend dere mornin's in de cemetery to be anyways comfortable.

Bones—Well, Tamby, dis conversation is elucidatin', but I must meander.

Tambo—Still out of work?

Bones—Yes; court ain't in session, and dey don't need me for a juoror again for awhile, so I guess dey ain't anything left to do but burglarize.

Tambo—You mus' be careful, Bonesy; you don't want to risk yourself.

Bones—Oh, dat's all right; don't fret about Your Uncle Dud—; I'se gwine to confine myself to easy subject fer de time being, and start in on de poleece.

(Curtain.)

## LEAVING THE STATE

**Indicted Vote Sellers in Lee County, Virginia, Get Away**

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—The staff correspondent of the Journal here, writing from Jonesville, in Lee county, states that many of those against whom indictments have been returned by the grand jury in connection with the elections bribery, are fleeing from this State into Tennessee and Kentucky. The indictments will probably number several hundred, and the evident purpose of the grand jury to punish those convicted has created a mild panic.

Five county officers have admitted that they knew of the buying of votes and have confessed everything they knew in regard to the matter. They are: Joseph Eads, county clerk, republican; Ananias Robinson, county sheriff, republican; Elmer R. Staggs, Commonwealth's attorney, and two revenue commissioners—J. J. Willis and J. Stuart, both republicans.

In addition several defeated candidates have made a clean breast of their connections with the matter. These men have also been granted an immunity along with the officers who have confessed.

It is believed that it will be proven that about $15,000 has been spent in paying poll taxes and buying votes.

Democrats and Republicans are both involved in the scandal, and the grand jury is playing no favorites. There is a great deal of indignation against Judge H. A. Skeen, as the citizens seem to think he is interfering with a time-honored custom in the county.

A fair specimen of the political thought of this government-by-commission age is the creation of the Interstate Commerce Commission to wreck the railroads and of the Court of Commerce to keep it from it, both commissions drawing salaries.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

# FAMOUS OPERA HOUSE TO GO

(Continued from Page Nine.)

000,000. Curiously enough, the owner who will pocket this neat sum for the highest priced piece of real estate in the city, arrived in this country thirty-one years ago with just $6 to his name. Ten years ago he bought the property, which is located at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-fourth street, in the heart of the retail shopping, hotel and theatre district, for $375,000. Two years later he sold it at a price which has never been made public, and later bought it back again for $500,000, so that the latest transaction will net a profit of $500,000 for the youth who thirty-one years ago was living on one dollar a week. Previous record prices for New York real estate have been confined to the downtown financial districts. When in 1905 the property on the corner of Wall street and Broadway brought $558 a square foot it was believed that the record would stand for many years. As a matter of fact, it stood less than four, or in 1909 a nearby piece of real estate boosted the record with a price of $622 a square foot. Now comes the record-breaking uptown sale at $866 a square foot.

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While Santa Claus's pack is not likely to be so large this year as in some of the bumper times before 1907, there is every indication that its proportions will be of respectable dimensions, according to the opinion of persons here best qualified to prophesy, that is the heads of department stores, express companies, the post office department and the railroads. That more than $50,000,000 will be expended in this city to fill Christmas stockings not only here but throughout the country, is now accepted as a conservative estimate. Already an increase of more than one hundred clerks has been necessary in the post office department to handle the Christmas business in this city alone, a large part of which is made up of post office money orders for outside and foreign parts. Department stores report increased sales over the same time a year ago while the express companies and railroads find business greater than in 1910. But while the department stores, the express companies and even the post office see an increased revenue in a prosperous Christmas, the railroads, so far as the carrying of the increase in Christmas mail is concerned, find no cause for rejoicing, as they receive no added remuneration for the additional service which they are called upon to perform during the rush season because of the fact that the basis of railway mail pay is determined in the late Spring only once every four years, when the amount of mail to be transported is relatively small. But as a heavy Christmas trade is taken as one of the chief indications of general prosperity, the prophecy of a Yuletide expenditure in this city of $50,000,000 is looked upon as one of the most significant indications of business expansion during the coming year.

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The choice of recovering from an operation and paying the full fee of the operating surgeon, or dying and not having to pay it, is the novel alternative offered to New Yorkers as the result of a strange verdict rendered here this week. This verdict came as the result of a suit brought by the executors of the estate of one of the city's best known surgeons, who shortly before his death agreed to perform a certain operation for the sum of $300. Payment was promptly made, but the patient dying a few hours later, the check was ordered stopped. Suit was accordingly brought to recover the stipulated fee. Provided the verdict, which has been appealed, is sustained, the patient who dislikes to pay doctors' fees will find himself confronted by something like Hobson's choice. If his antipathy to contributing toward the support of the medical profession is all powerful, he can turn over and die; if he prefers to live, the days of his convalescence may be lengthened by the realization that he will have to pay. Apparently, the only middle course is offered to patients with chronic ailments whose treatment may extend over a number of years during which time pending the final result the question of pay would have to be held in abeyance.

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That New York's so-called good old American or Dutch stock is largely a myth is the sad discovery now being forced on the residents of this city as the result of a compilation of figures covering this subject. As shown by these figures, out of every one hundred white residents of Manahttan only 51 are native born Americans, while the other 49 are foreign born. Of the entire 100 only 14 have native American parents, and probably not more than 5 out of each 100 come from native grand parents, and probably not more than 1 in 100 had great grand parents who were native Americans. Thus New York's proportion of native Americans in the third generation is hardly greater than 1 per cent. Of all the elements in the population of New York city the most nearly native American are the negroes. The majority of the 91,702 here are not only themselves native born, but come of native parents and grandparents.

LONGACRE.

## POSTAL IMPROVES LINES

**Superintendent Davis Authorizes Additional Copper Wires**

New York, Dec. 21.—Minor M. Davis, who was recently appointed superintendent of telephones of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, announced today his company has issued instructions to its construction department to proceed with the erection of additional heavy copper wire between all important points on the system of the company for the purpose of extending the telephonic use of the same to the independent telephone companies.


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| 549 | Chas H. White | Weekly Pay Roll | $ 692.24 |
| 550 | Spooner & Parker | Repairs Engine House | 100.00 |
| 551 | Walker, Evans & Cogswell | Pell's Revisal | 15.00 |
| 552 | Wm. L. DeRosset | Work on Storm Sewers | 1,563.69 |
| 553 | Walker Taylor | Insurance | 38.32 |
| 554 | G. C. Simmons | Repairs, Locks | 1.00 |
| 555 | S. A. L. | Freight | 1,584.18 |
| 556 | Orton Hotel | Expenses Chemist | 22.75 |
| 557 | Chas. H. White | Semi-Monthly Roll | 2,880.35 |
| 558 | Tidewater Power Co | Street Material | 167.10 |
| 559 | R. R. Bellamy | Drugs | 4.15 |
| 560 | Chas. H. White | Weekly Pay Roll | 806.07 |
| 561 | Furlong & Co | Removal of Slops | 58.75 |
| 562 | Jno. H. Whiteman | Hauling Brick | 76.80 |
| 563 | Southern Paving & Cons. Co | Street Paving | 885.65 |
| 564 | S. A. L. | Freights | 632.40 |
| 565 | Baron & Cole Co | Repairs Wagon | 15.25 |
| 566 | Southern Clay Mfg. Co | Brick | 2,625.57 |
| 567 | A. C. L. | Freight | 201.56 |
| 568 | Thos. D. Meares | Coupons Paid | 8,860.00 |
| 569 | Charlotte Observer | Subscription | 6.20 |
| 570 | J. VanB. Metts | Insurance | 38.30 |
| 571 | R. C. Cantwell | Sundry Expenses | 50.26 |
| 572 | Chas. H. White | Weekly Pay Roll | 840.86 |
| 573 | R. J. Sikes | Repairs to Market | 35.75 |
| 574 | Jno. H. Whiteman | Hauling Brick | 19.50 |
| 575 | J. W. Turner | Repairs, Engine House | 160.00 |
| 576 | Alfred White | Paving Streets | 47.60 |
| 577 | Furlong & Co | Removal of Slops | 59.75 |
| 578 | J. H. Boatwright & Son | Insurance | 26.00 |
| 579 | W. R. Dosher & Co | Repairs to Plumbing | 51.38 |
| 580 | Chas. H. White | Sundry Expenses | 21.65 |
| 581 | Clayton Giles & Son | Insurance | 16.00 |
| 582 | Coster, the Cleaner | Repairing Uniforms | 47.08 |
| 583 | News and Observer | Subscription | 6.00 |
| 584 | Jas. Walker Mem. Hospital | Allowance for November | 500.00 |
| 585 | Wilmington Lt. Infantry | Allowance for Six Months | 300.00 |
| 586 | J. G. Wright & Son | Rent of Lot | 8.00 |
| 587 | Heller & Brightly | Instruments for Eng. Dep't. | 47.40 |
| 588 | W. & L. E. Genley | Tape Line | 4.25 |
| 589 | Chas. H. White | Monthly Pay Roll | 5,460.98 |
| 590 | Chas. H. White | Weekly Pay Roll | 787.14 |
| 591 | Jno. H. Whiteman | Hauling Brick | 29.25 |
| 592 | Furlong & Co | Removal of Slops .. 4 | 60.00 |
| 593 | Hazlehurst & Anderson | Engineers—Water Work Cons | 1,211.31 |
| 594 | Meares Harriss | Multigraphing | 19.55 |
| 595 | Municipal Eng. and Journal | Subscription | 3.00 |
| 596 | Wilmington Star Co | Advertising | 13.75 |
| 597 | Walker Taylor | Insurance | 225.00 |
| 598 | S. A. L. | Freights | 870.59 |
| 599 | A. C. L. | Freights | 310.58 |
| 600 | Western Union Tel. Co | Telegrams | 7.22 |
| 601 | W. H. Turley | Groceries, Pest House | 5.98 |
| 602 | Jarman & Mintz | Medicines | 16.19 |
| 603 | Postal Tel Co. | Telegrams | .84 |
| 604 | Southern Paving & Cons. Co | Street Paving | 660.09 |
| 605 | Reuben Grant | Plumbing Repairs | 6.10 |
| 606 | Stephen Dixon | Repairs, Market | 8.00 |
| 607 | Chas. H. White | Weekly Pay Roll | 878.16 |
| 608 | Jno. H. Whiteman | Hauling Brick | 54.00 |
| 609 | F. J. McGuire | Gravel | 369.33 |
| 610 | Furlong & Co | Removal of Slops | 60.00 |
| 611 | Carolina Cut Stone Co | Crushed Rock | 168.75 |
| 612 | Pomona Terra Cotta Co | T. C. Pipe | 1,991.89 |
| 613 | J. D. Lowery | Digging Well | 125.00 |
| 614 | W. L. DeRosset | Work on Storm Sewers | 1,486.81 |
| 615 | E. R. Austin | Grading Street | 700.00 |
| 616 | Wilmington Sewerage Co | Use of Sewers | 40.00 |
| 617 | J. Weil | Gloves | 2.00 |
| 618 | Geo. C. Whipple | Analysis of Water Supply | 308.90 |
| 619 | Solomon Shoe Store | Boots | 13.00 |
| 620 | Chicago Sanitary Rag Co | Waste | 6.50 |
| 621 | Harrison Bros. & Co | Supplies Water and Sewerage | 360.12 |
| 622 | G. J. Badger | Supplies Water and Sewerage | 1.26 |
| 623 | Smith-Courtney Co. | Supplies Water and Sewerage | 6.67 |
| 624 | Tropical Oil Co | Supplies Water and Sewerage | 73.00 |
| 625 | Evening Dispatch | Supplies Water and Sewerage | 28.50 |
| 626 | Clayton Giles & Son | Insurance | 38.33 |
| 687 | C. W. Yates & Co | Books and Stationery | 136.75 |
| 628 | D. M. Thompson | Hire of Blood Hounds | 23.50 |
| 629 | W. B. Thorpe & Co | Cement | 3.75 |
| 630 | C. W. Polvogt Co | Repairs Matting | 2.90 |
| 631 | W. Munroe & Co | Mattresses | 60.75 |
| 632 | D. Quinlivan | Shoeing Horses | 31.50 |
| 633 | Cape Fear Oil Co | Oil | 9.80 |
| 634 | Wilmington Stamp Co | Printing | 5.70 |
| 635 | Hyman Supply Co | Water and Sewerage Dept. | 10.85 |
| 636 | Springer Coal Co | Coal | 710.27 |
| 637 | Thos. Quinlivan & Son | Shoeing Teams | 42.50 |
| 638 | Cape Fear Machine Works | Castings, Street Work | 126.71 |
| 639 | Standard Supply Co | Water and Sewerage Dept | 49.34 |
| 640 | J. H. Boatwright & Son | Insurance | 53.90 |
| 641 | C. D. Maffitt Co | Canvas | 13.73 |
| 642 | D. L. T. Capps | Repairs, Plumbing | 1.90 |
| 643 | Meares Harriss | Affidavits, Etc | 2.90 |
| 644 | W. B. Thorpe & Co | Lime, Etc | 33.25 |
| 645 | J. VanB. Metts | Insurance | 2.10 |
| 646 | N. Jacobi Hardware Co | Tools, Brooms, Etc | 47.38 |
| 647 | Jno. S. McEachern's Sons | Feed for Teams | 379.90 |
| 648 | J. T. Brown | Repairs, Wagons, Etc | 34.60 |
| 649 | Hanover Iron Works | Repairs to Market, Etc | 39.50 |
| 650 | Atlantic Paint and Varnish Co. | Paint | 1.00 |
| 651 | L. A. Bilbro | Harness | 21.80 |
| 652 | Central Ice Co | Ice | 18.29 |
| 653 | Prease Bros. Co | Repair Work | 4.13 |
| 654 | Wm. E. Springer & Co | Tools, Brooms, Etc. | 57.53 |
| 655 | Clyde Line | Freight | 172.95 |
| 656 | Southern Bell Telephone Co | 'Phone Service | 47.80 |
| 657 | Cape Fear Lodge I. O. O. F. | Rent of Warehouse | 15.00 |
| 658 | B. F. Mitchell Co | Feed for Teams | 345.94 |
| 659 | Barrett Mfg. Co | Asphalt | 810.51 |
| 660 | Tidewater Power Co | Lighting, Etc | 1,540.48 |
| 661 | Jno. H. Whiteman | Hauling Brick | 39.00 |
| 662 | M. W. Divine & Co | Paints and Oils | 16.57 |
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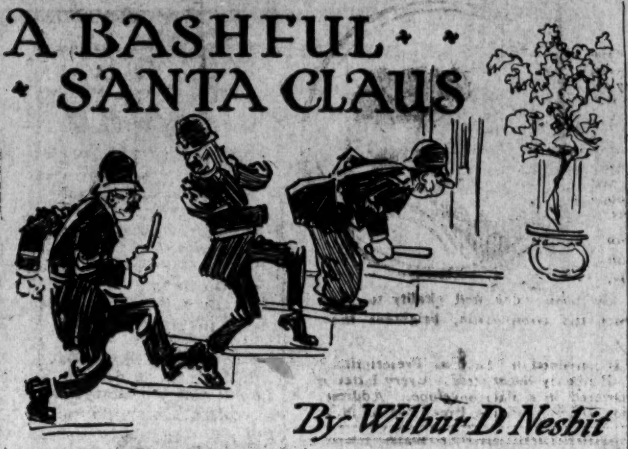

By Wilbur D. Nesbit

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IT was Christmas eve.

Andrew Hillington, with a neat little package in his breast pocket and a throbbing heart beneath the same pocket, had been trying for a full hour to muster up enough courage to take out the package, and offer it, together with his throbbing heart, to Amabel Tuttle.

Amabel was just such a young woman as just such a young man as Andrew would ardently desire to present with his throbbing heart and the contents of the neat package. The latter contained a ring, set with a single diamond. The throbbing heart contained what Andrew was ready to promise should be life-long devotion to Amabel.

Why go into detail regarding the whole year during which he had laid siege to the heart of Amabel?

There had been moments this Christmas eve when Andrew's fingers nervously sought his breast pocket. Amabel knew he was on the verge of proposing. Gracious mercy! The woman who cannot diagnose a threatened proposal is no woman at all. The stammering speech, the flushed brow, the hesitant remarks, the fixity of stare—all these and many other symptoms are to the average woman what temperature and respiration are to the specialist in fevers.

For some unexplained reason women like to postpone a proposal. They prolong the agony. They enjoy the sighs, the awkwardness, the anxiety, of the swain. They revel in his abject willingness to sacrifice himself, if need be, to gain their promise.

It may be that instinct teaches them this is the only moment when the man will be a slave.

At last, however, it became time for Andrew to say good-night. It was Christmas eve, and he knew Amabel's family would have some little preparations to make for the festivities of the morrow. He did not think for a ment of the tremendous fact that when a young woman allows a young man to spend Christmas eve with her she is writing "Yes" in large letters on the wall. No man can realize anything at such times.

Andrew said he must be going, after Amabel had began to wonder if he was going to talk about the weather and the latest book all evening.

"Must you go, really?" she asked, brightly. "Wait just a moment. I have something for you."

She went into another room, then came back with a small package, which she handed to him.

"Just a little Christmas remembrance," she smiled. "You won't

'Just a Little Christmas Remembrance."

mind getting it ahead of time, will you? Such good friends as you and I needn't wait for Christmas day itself, need we?"

She carefully stood immediately beneath a spray of mistletoe when she said this, but Andrew did not notice it. This is further proof that love is blind.

"Thank you," Andrew mumbled, nervously. "I—I—I wish you a merry Christmas, Am-amabel."

"That's nice of you, and I hope you like the little gift. It really isn't a gift, Andrew. It's just a necktie I made for you myself. I wish it could have been something nicer—but you'll let the sentiment that goes with it count for what it lacks in value or beauty, won't you?"

She carelessly reached up and adjusted the spray of mistletoe, smiling also at Andrew. Andrew stood there, turning the package over and over in his hands, blind as ever. What Amabel thought we never will know. There must be times while a woman is landing a man that she is so enraged with his obtuseness that she would keenly enjoy thumping him on the head with a shovel.

Andrew got his eyes away from hers long enough to ask:

"Are you going to have a Christmas tree?"

"No. We're old-fashioned, you know. We're just going to hang up our stockings in front of the grate, and let Santa come right down the chimney. I love those old customs, don't you?"

As she spoke of the old customs she once more pushed the spray of mistletoe up into place. This time Andrew saw it, and away down deep in his heart he wished he were just a good friend of Amabel's.

You see, under the mistletoe, things may be done by good friends which would call out the troops if attempted by a lover who has not yet declared

"Oh, Andrew!"

his love in speech, but whose every action tells what is affecting him.

He told her he had spent a pleasant evening; he thanked her for the little gift; he promised to come again, and he got out and away—and then he realized that he had not given her the present he had meant to hand to her with a few well chosen words which should cause her to fall into his arms and promise to be his forever. Also, he realized that he had not even wished her a merry Christmas in the way he had planned to wish it.

All the way home he abused himself for being such a fool. Why, any man with a spark of self-confidence, he told himself, would have told the girl what he had in his heart and in his pocket for her—would have made a neat but effective little speech of presentation, and would have concluded his peroration with her head against his shoulder and her plump white hand in his.

There came to him a flash of inspiration.

Why not play Santa Claus, take the ring to Amabel's home, climb in a side window from the porch, deposit the ring and a note in her stocking? This would make her feel that he had planned it all as a real Christmas surprise for her. A Christmas gift and a Christmas proposal all at once would certainly appeal to the romantic side of any girl.

So he wrote his note, wrapped it about the ring, replaced the ring and the note in the little box, wrapped it up, and betook himself to Amabel's home.

The porch from which he planned to effect his surreptitious entrance was a side one. He remembered that last summer Amabel's father had said he must have the catch on the window repaired. He knew perfectly well Amabel's father hadn't done so—for he knew Amabel's father was like all men.

Through the side yard and over the porch rail he went. The window he found unfastened. Carefully he raised it and felt his way into the room. To his astonishment he saw a ray of light beneath the door and heard voices in the adjoining room—where the stockings were to be hung.

"Well, Amabel," her father was saying, "what did Romeo have to say tonight?"

The reply was a sniff from Amabel, which Andrew interpreted as being a suggestion to her father that he mind his own affairs.

"Did you give him the necktie?" Amabel's mother asked.

"Yes."

"Did he like it?"

"He never looked at it."

"Well, I must say! In my time a young man would have shown more gallantry."

"Not a Hillington, mother," Mr. Tuttle said. "They never think of what to say until a week later."

Andrew grated his teeth. This was true, but not pleasant.

"Well, you couldn't expect him to tell how he liked it when he hadn't seen it," Amabel said, stoutly. "And it wouldn't have been polite for him to look at it right there—besides, I shouldn't have given it to him tonight."

"No," her mother said. "That made it look as though you expected something from him."

Andrew was standing in the darkness, in the middle of the room. He wished the family would quit talking—especially as they were talking of him—and go to bed and allow him to drop his gift into Amabel's stocking. He did not dare to move, for fear of running into some furniture. He hardly dared breathe.

Suddenly from down street came the clang of a gong. Also the clatter of horses' hoofs on the frozen highway and the rumble of wheels. The noise increased as the horses drew near, to subside and cease in front of the house. The Tuttles heard it.

"Must be a fire, or the patrol wagon," Mr. Tuttle exclaimed, throwing open the room where Andrew stood. Andrew darted behind a bookcase just in time. Mr. Tuttle went through the room to the hall and opened the front door. Mrs. Tuttle followed him, despite Amabel's remonstrances that she would catch cold.

There was the sound of hurried footsteps up the walk.

"What's the matter?" Mr. Tuttle asked.

"Where is he?" said a voice.

"Where's who?"

"Patrolman Jones telephoned that he saw a man breaking into your house."

Andrew shivered with alarm. This was a predicament. To be arrested as a burglar, to be carted off to jail, without a chance to explain. He peered from behind the bookcase and saw Amabel dreamily hanging her stocking. He swiftly came from his hiding place, and silently hurried to her side. Taking the package from his pocket, he whispered:

"Amabel! I—I forgot to tell you I love you, and here's my proposal, and the engagement ring, too!"

The mere fact that he had appeared thus mysteriously at her side did not appeal to Amabel. She did not think of that at all. She said:

"Oh, Andrew!"

And she then allowed herself to fall into his arms.

That there was much excited conversation in the hall, that men were running around the house and peering into dark corners in the basement and in the upper rooms was something of which Andrew and Amabel were entirely unaware. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle came back, after the officers had gone away utterly bewildered. Even they had been so excited that the presence of Andrew struck them as nothing unusual. Amabel's shy but delighted announcement of her engagement was received merrily, however. In fact, father and mother Tuttle and the young people got so deep in their plans for the future that they almost forgot the incident until suddenly Mr. Tuttle said:

"I wonder who the dickens that burglar was, anyhow?"

"I—I'll bet it was me!" Andrew stammered.

"Well, I must fix that window tomorrow," Mr. Tuttle decided.

AT THE PECKS.

"Humph!" said Mrs. Henry Peck, "this paper has a lot of alleged jokes about women giving their husbands cigars for Christmas presents. I think that any woman who is fool enough to give her husband a box of the vile things ought to—Why, where has Henry gone?"

But Henry was out in the hall shaking hands with himself.

### Quieting Her Suspicions.

"My dear," said the Suspicious Wife, "this sealskin sack you gave me for Christmas has the odor of gasoline."

"Very likely," answered the Crafty Husband. "But you know Santa Claus is using an automobile now."

Nevertheless, she had her doubts about it, fearing that he had purchased the garment second-handed of a cleaner.

### More Blessed to Give.

"Stingy?" repeated the Neighborhood Gossip, "is old man Titewadd stingy? Why, did you hear what he gave his wife for a Christmas present? He let her go to the dentist that morning and have ten aching teeth pulled, knowing very well that it would prevent her eating any of the Christmas dinner."

### Sad Case.

A fellow who lived on the isthmus,
Was bothered somewhat by strabisthmus.
He said: "It is sad,
But my eyes, which are bad,
See New Year when looking at Chrisothmus."

### Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

## MEDICINAL LEAVES AND HERBS

### Collectors in All Parts of Country—Some of the Plants

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Department of Agriculture has just issued a bulletin on leaves and herbs used as medicine. Nor is this the first publication put out by this Department on the subject of medicines, the others being Weeds Used as Medicine, Root Drugs, and Medicinal Barks.

Collectors of medicinal plants have made such insistent demands on the Department for a guide in their work that a description of 36 medicinal plants, including only such as are in most common use, has been prepared by direction of the Secretary, fifteen of these being mentioned in Eighth Decennial Revision of the U. S Pharmacopoeia.

Each plant is listed under the name in most common use, but synonymous common names, and the pharmaopoeial name, if any, are also given, that no one should have difficulty in recognizing the plants familiar to him, or in identifying an unknown one, if of the series, from the description given.

Perhaps the best known plants included in this bulletin are peppermint and spearmint, which are not only found in the wild state, but are also cultivated for the distillation of oil, an important American industry. Witchhazel, almost a household word, is found in low, damp woods from New Brunswick to Minnesota, and South to Florida and Texas. The soothing proprieties of this plant were known to the Indians, and it is still employed for the relief of inflammatory conditions.

Wintergreen is described as having stimulant and antiseptic proprieties, though its chief use seems to be as a flavoring agent.

Horehound, one of the best known domestic remedies for colds, has a wide range, being found from Maine to South Carolina, Texas and westward to California and Oregon. Jimson weed, a common weed in field and waste places, is found almost everywhere except in the North and West. The dried leaves are frequently smoked or the fumes inhaled as a remedy for asthma. Catnip, familiarly associated with a tea for babies, is described as a common weed naturalized from Europe. It is noted for its quieting effect on the nervous system.

Boneset is another familiar plant in many households, the leaves and tops of which form an old and popular remedy in the treatment of fever and ague. Pennyroyal, aside from its value as an aromatic stimulant, has no odor which is very repulsive to insects, and is therefore much used for keeping away mosquitoes and other troublesome insects.

Among the other plants, not in such common use, mentioned in this paper are foxglove, gum plant, bugleweed, balmony and skullcap. Tansy, wormwood, fireweed and fleabane are described as furnishing useful oils.

## PROTECTION OF GAME

### American Association Issues First Bulletin from Headquarters

New York, Dec. 23.—With the first bulletin, which has just been issued by the American Game Protective and Propagation Association, of 111 Broadway, New York, comes the announcement that it has been decided to put out similar pamphlets at frequent intervals. These will deal with all the activities of the association, telling what has been accomplished by its special agents in the way of bringing to justice violators of the game laws; what has been done for better legislation in the different States; how many members have been enrolled; and the condition of the finances.

It is intended that these bulletins shall serve as reports to members and all those who are interested in the problem of saving our wild life from destruction, and increasing it through propagation in captivity for the purpose of stocking wild covers.

The first booklet speaks of the conditions out of which the association grew, and sets forth the general policy of the organization. It comes out flatly in favor of Federal legislation to protect migratory wild fowl; modern forestry methods and the establishment of game refuges; stocking the waters with game and food fish and the enforcement of laws designed to protect them; protective laws and laws encouraging game propagation along lines which shall be for the benefit of all sportsmen, the poor as well as the rich; hunters license and bag limit laws; absolute protection for insectiverous birds; prohibition of the sale of native wild game; and all measures calculated to preserve, protect or increase the game supply.

To quote from the book: "This country stands today at the parting of the ways in the matter of field sports. It faces today the question whether free shooting shall continue or whether the European system of preserves and posted lands is to become universal."

Needless to say the Association believes in free shooting for all and is working along the only lines which will make possible for any length of time.

In another place the book says: "The association desires the membership, contributions and support of all sportsmen and of all State and local organizations interested in game protection. It has no rivalry with existing organizations and aims solely to further the common cause, and for this purpose it will co-operate with other associations in support of worthy objects. In no other way can results be accomplished than by effective organization."

Cotton is the South's only monopoly. It penalizes one class and enriches another, if the reports sent out are to be relied upon. It seems that when cotton is low, the farmer is down-cast; when the prices are high, the manufacturer must curtail the output of his mill which is attended by loss of profits and much idle labor. Cotton cannot be raised and marketed for less than ten cents per pound. It can be raised and marketed at a profit to sell at 12 cents the pound. The manufacturer can by judicious marketing of his product, make a larger profit on cotton bought at 12 cents, than the farmer will make selling his product at this price.—Merchants' Journal, Lynchburg.

### Ladies and Gents.

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## PROFIT-SHARING SCHEME.

### Eight Per Cent. Bonus for Hard Coal Miners.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The United States Commissioner of Labor hs notified the anthracite mine workers and the operators that the "sliding scale," established by the Strike Commission of 1902 brought the men a bonus of 8 per cent. for their work in November. This bonus applies to all classes of employees, and will be added to their December pay.

The commissioners appointed by President Roosevelt to settle the strike of 1902 awarded a ten per cent. increase to the mine workers as a minimum wage, with the further profit-sharing device that for every rise of 5 cents above $4.50 in the average price of the domestic sizes of coal at tidewater, in any month, the workers should receive an additional 1 per cent., to be applied to the pay roll of the following month. The Commissioner of Labor computes the average price at tidewater from certified records of sales, and then sends out the official notice of the bonus. The average price in October was $4.91, and in November $4.92, so that the bonus for the mine workers amounted to 8 per cent in each month.

As the minimum pay increased by 10 per cent. is used as the basis upon which to calculate this 8 per cent., the total increase to the mine workers over the 1902 wages is more than 18 per cent. for each of the last two months.

The total benefits to the mine workers from the sliding scale since it went into effect on April 1, 1903, aside from the 10 per cent. increase awarded by the commission, have amounted to nearly $29,000,000.

## DRAINAGE MEETING.

### Georgia Convention in Session at Waycross—Scope of Work.

Waycross, Ga., Dec. 19.—Conservation of the lands of Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas with especial reference to the draining of swamps was discussed at the annual meeting of the Georgia drainage congress here today. Many experts from the States and National government departments were present.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist of North Carolina, was on the programme for a paper on the reclamation of the wet lands of that State. The public geologist of Georgia, Prof. S. W. McCallie, talked on the wet lands of this State.

Others on the programme were J. V. Phillips, United States engineer; Congressman W. G. Brantley, E. J. Watson, Commissioner of Agriculture of South Carolina; Col. A. R. Lawton, of Savannah, vice president of the Central of Georgia Railroad, and Wade H. Leahy, of Atlanta.

## ADULTERATED PAPER USED.

### Committee Makes Discovery About Government Printing Office.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Discovery by the Congressional joint committee on printing that "adulterated" paper had been used for years in the government printing office, today led to the announcement of a complete new set of government paper standards.

The adulteration was accomplished by the substitution of clay for the more substantial wood or rag fibers, leading to the grave fear that many of the printed records of the government will crumble and become unreadable in less than a century.

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### ADVERTISING.

Says a well-known business expert, writing in one of the standard magazines, about business and business men: "Many regard their advertising as a mere expense account item, often indeed, as a needless outlay forced upon them by troublesome, wont-be 'back number' competitors. The ambition of such reluctant advertisers is limited to keeping that enforced outlay pruned down to the lowest possible notch, usually about one notch below a paying probability." But there are others and these are they who see in advertising a medium of salesmanship, both economical and effective, an opportunity for establishing a foundation for their business in the public mind that will be as lasting as the rock of Gibraltar, as certain as death and as sure as taxes.

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## STREET'S DISMAL CHRISTMAS

**Holiday of the Bulls and Bears Far Different—New York's Social Center—Railroad Executives Puzzled —Abolish Tips**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Wall street, or at least that portion of Wall street that depends for its prosperity upon the activity of the stock market, is spending a dull and dreary Christmas. Not only the professional operators but the brokers and clerks as well, for lack of anything better to do, are sighing longingly for the "good old days" of five or six years ago when automobiles and steam yachts were the proper and frequent thing in the way of Christmas presents in the financial district.

The cause of the present doldrum in the region where most persons assume that money is always plentiful is due to various causes. The most serious of these is the fact that the public steadfastly declines to come back into the speculative market. The frequency with which the government's legal club descends upon the heads of corporations whose securities are traded in largely upon the various excnanges is another influence that caused nervous chills coursing up and down the spinal columns of the professional stock trading element. A third prospective cause of gloom among the bulls and bears is the probability of the early adoption of banking and currency reform along the lines proposed under the national reserve association plan. As this change will give a strong preference to commercial paper as security for bank loans, and in fact will prohibit loans on stocks and bonds as collateral except under stringent restrictions, it will deprive Wall street's speculators of the use of the vast sums drawn from all parts of the country upon which they now depend for carrying on their operations. Altogether the mood of the erstwhile gay stock gambler is a dismal one not only because of his present situation, but also because he sees small hope for its improvement in the near future.

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According to the newly published Social Register for 1912, the geographical center of New York society is on Sixty-third street, just east of Fifth avenue. This point is just half a block away from a plainly furnished building in Central Park in which certain persons who have never done a day's work in their lives, disport themselves merrily every day on trapezes and parallel bars. The building, however, is not a gymnasium for the idle rich. And the merry individuals do not wear jewelled gymnasium clothes. In fact they wear no garments whatever and perform in cages. For the geographical center of New York society this year happens curiously enough to be very close to the Monkey House in Central Park. This center has moved exactly half a block northward in two years. Of the 11,519 families in the Social Register 63 per cent. live in Manhattan. Of these 4,031 live east of Fifth avenue and 3,217 west. The most congested district for the society families is the region bounded by Fifty-fourth street and Fifty-ninth street, Lexington and Seventh avenues, in which tnere are 1,324 families. Over 600 of New York's wealthy families live abroad. Of these there are 328 in Paris, 173 in London and 120 scattered in other European cities.

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That local railroad officials are considerably surprised over the illustration which they have just received that in the hands of expert statisticians figures may develop surprising elasticity is putting the matter mildly. The illustration is furnished by the report of the Postmaster General giving the results of the inquiry into the operation receipts and expenditures of railroad companies for transporting the mails and recommending legislation on the subject. Figures carefully prepared by railway statisticians from exactly the same information that was supplied to the Department showed that the railroads receive nearly $20,000,000 less per annum for space used in mail service in comparison with the revenue received from other space used in passenger trains. The Postoffice Department, on the other hand, through alteration of the statistics has come to the conclusion that they are overpaid $9,000,000 per annum, or a difference of $29,000,000. Just how to account for this difference is proving a pretty puzzle and many officials have already called attention to certain changes which they claim the statisticians of the Department have taken the liberty of making in the certified statements made by the railroads. For some time the carriers have been asking relief from their annual loss of $20,000,000 a year incurred in the transporting of the mails, but to have it suddenly wiped out by statistical experts was hardly expected. Coming just at this time the report might, at first glance, seem like a timely Christmas gift to the railroads. Unfortunately officials who have to earn the actual dollars for their stockholders are not wildly enthused.

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One of the New York brewers opened a new stock house last week which is one of the largest in the world. Mayor Gaynor, with Sheriff Harburger, Excise Commissioner McAvoy and several judges were invited to inspect the place and behold a hundred big steel glass-lined tanks all filled to the brim with the malt beverage. The brewer proudly informed them that the tanks contained over a hundred million glasses of beer and the city officers were greatly impressed. Sheriff Harburger started to figure how long the supply would keep all the hoboes in the United States happy, but after a time the brewer invited him to have some, so he gave it up. In spite of the impressive total of gallons in the new stockhouse, the metropolis is not gathering any records for the consumption of alcoholic beverages these days. Statistics recently issued by the State Excise Commissioner shows that the liquor selling business has declined steadily throughout the State for the past fourteen years. During this period the number of saloons in the State has decreased from 33,439 to 28,149. In 1896 there was a saloon to each 150 persons of the population and by last year this had decreased to one for each 324 persons. The decrease is attributed largely to the high license law.

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That the recent will report to the effect that the waiters in this city were sick of tips and intended to abolish the evil was really founded on fact instead of emanating from the fertile brain of some master of fiction, is a state of affairs which New Yorkers find difficult to believe. Nevertheless, this is the case as was shown by a mass meeting of the members of the International Hotel Workers Union at which tipping was lambasted by every speaker to the accompaniment of cheers from the waiters who filled the hall. What the union wants is a fair wage, and in place of the tip a small commission on the sale of food and drinks to patrons. Incidentally they were surprised to learn that they are the shortest-lived workers in any trade except mining, being particular susceptible to stomach troubles. In Germany they were told only about one-fifth reach forty years of age and only one per cent. an age where they are entitled to receive old-age pensions. Whether the abolition of tips will prove conductive to longevity remains to be seen.

LONGACRE.

**Picking Out the Christmas Tree.** "Jimmy, how I wish that was to be our Christmas tree! Only it wouldn't hold the sled and the bull pup that I want Santy to bring me. Guess we'd better wish for that bigger one, sis, so's the pony you asked for can be put on it, too. My, but won't it look bully when it's all crowded with candles and candy-bags and popcorn, with little angels bobbing at the ends of the branches? 'Course they ain't any of them strong enough to hold all the things we want, but maybe they'll hold all we'll get."

### GOLDEN THOUGHTS

Gratitude has all languages for its own.

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Dignity may hide as much deviltry as it does sanctity.

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The man who wants a good harvest will not sow bad seed.

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Nothing tells for good like truth that is lived.

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Too many people are always ready to sell their souls to the devil for spot cash.—Ram's Horn.

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The more love we have in our hearts the more good we shall be able to see in the world.—Ram's Horn.

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The man who does better work today than he did yesterday will do still better tomorrow.—Ram's Horn.

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The man who cannot learn to say "No," will some day be unable to say "Yes."

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Every ounce of effort we put into our religion comes back to us, sooner or later, in power.

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There never was a job so small that the right kind of a man couldn't make it a stepping-stone to a better one.—Ram's Horn.

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Life is not long,
Joy hath an ending ever,
Brief is the sweetest song;
But love flows on forever
Till its clear waters join the mystic sea,
Unfathomed, boundless, of Eternity.

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The day of small beginnings is one of the best days that ever dawns, for it is the day when something is going to be done.

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Love is but faith in its supreme and perfect form. It is the impassioned expression on the face of faith. There is but one attitude of confromity to the will of God, and that is faith, a faith that, being itself an act of will and obedience, always works outward into love.

### FOR MEMORIAL TO INDIANS

**Bills of $500,000 Museum Introduced in Congress**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The erection of a $500,000 memorial and museum to honor and perpetuate the life and customs of the American Indians is proposed in bills which Senator Curtis and Representative Carter has introduced. The bills are identical, one being presenteu in the Senate and the other in the House.

The structure is to be a great Indian museum, "in which to safely keep such relics of the husbandry, art, literature, handiwork, warfare and the chase as may be contributed by the Improved Order of Red Men of the United States and such other kindly disposed associations and persons."

The building is to be under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, under whose jurisdiction the Indians come now.

## OUR NEW PHOSPHATE SUPPLY

**The Fertilizer Resources of the United States and Interesting Investigation by Department of Agriculture.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—At the last session of Congress an appropriation of $12,500 was made to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of investigating the fertilizer resources of this country. At the same time $20,000 was given to the Geological Survey, who are drilling at Fallon, Nev. The report of Secretary Wilson has just been transmitted to Congress by the President in a special message.

Both appropriations were the outcome of a desire on the part of Congress at the last session, to become, if possible, independent of foreign sources of supply. The United States possesses the largest phosphate fields in the world and not only supplies all that is required for home consumption, but also exports large quantities to foreign countries. All of the potash, however, required for our fertilizers, is imported from Germany, the annual importation being about $15,000,000. Germany has shown a disposition to limit the amount sent to this country and as the use of fertilizers is increasing rapidly, the need for a home supply becomes every year more apparent.

The present report shows that the Department of Agriculture has been successful in its search and this country should shortly not only be able to supply its own needs of potash salts, but even possibly export to foreign markets. A few difficulties of an engineering character are still to be overcome but they are not of a serious nature. A new industry will be established and if the by-products are wisely used many millions per annum should be added to the wealth of this country.

The department experts have covered a wide range in their investigation. Some of the desert basins were examined; brines and the mother liquors from salt wells were tested and experiments have been carried on with the object of extracting potash from silicate rocks, and minerals, such as alunite, which contain it. The work is still under way and potash in limited amounts undoubtedly will be derived from some of these sources. Up to the present none of them give promise of satisfying the country's needs.

But in the giant Kelps of the Pacific coast a satisfactory source of potash has been found. The kelp groves, along less than one-fourth of the coast line have been mapped and yet these should yield from two to three times as much potash as the present importations. These sea weeds are able to extract, by selective absorption, the potash salts from the sea water and on drying these salts are very largely exuded on the surface. The dried plants contain from 25 to 35 per cent. of their weight of potassium chloride and the latter can very readily be extracted. The kelps also contain iodine and many other by-products can be obtained from them. It is possible that these by-products will more than pay the manufacturing expenses leaving the potassium chloride free from cost. The Japanese have already shown considerable ingenuity in working up these by-products. Not only do they use some of the waste material for cattle food, but the Japanese themselves use it as a staple article of diet. Glue, shellac, paper and other useful products can also be made.

Some of the Pacific groves are five miles long and two miles wide, and the growth in these groves is exceedingly dense. The two principal species that would be available are Nereocystis luet keana in the north and Macrocystis pyrifera in the south. Both these plants reach a length of 100 feet or more and grow in strong tideways or where they are exposed to the full force of the open sea. All of the groves are within the three-mile limit and should be easily harvested. The heaviest groves are south of Point Sur but large ones extend as far north as Seattle. If properly harvested and protected these groves will yield an annual harvest indefinitely; it is even possible that in the case of Macrocystis two such harvests may be obtained. On a conservative basis upwards of a million tons of potassium chloride worth nearly $40,000,000 should be obtained each year. No estimate can be given at the present time of the value of the by-products.

### WHAT IS CONSUMPTION?

**Essential Facts Worth Knowing—Nature and Extent of Disease**

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Consumption is the greatest enemy known to mankind. It kills in the United States annually over 15,000 people. Consumption is the cause of one death out of every four deaths that occur between the ages of 20 and 50. That is, the reader has about 25 per cent. of the chances that he will die from consumption, against him. It kills most of its victims in the prime of life—between the ages of 20 and 50. Nearly as many die of this same disease between 30 and 40. No age, however, is exempt, from the mere infant to the centenarian.

The total loss to the citizens of the United States, in cold dollars and cents, has been estimated at $1,500,000,000 each year. The average annual loss to every citizen in this State is approximately $15.00. This does not, and can not, take into account the value of the anguish, agony and suffering caused. And yet consumption is always preventable. It is also curable if taken early. Is this matter worth considering?

Consumption is a disease usually chronic, caused by germs too small to be seen. Scientists tell us it is a germ disease, usually caused by a growth in the lungs, or less commonly in other parts of the body, of the body, of a minute fungus, plant or germ, called the Tubercle bacillus. This plantlike germ kills the tissues around it and spreads through the whole lung, till finally it kills the person in whom it grows. It is now known that the germ gets into the body of almost every one. However, they do not grow easily in the human body, and many of these germs are killed at once by the tissues. Others lie there inactive for a long time and do not develop into the real disease until by some chance the resistance of the body is lowered enough for them to begin to grow. Remember, a thoroughly healthy body is not a favorable growing place for germs of consumption. On the other hand, overwork, damp, dark, dirty homes or work places, bad or scanty food, late hours, certain sickness, such as grippe, measles, whooping-cough, pneumonia or typhoid fever, and especially drinking and dissipation, weaken the body and give the germs a good opportunity to develop. In bodies thus weakened consumption can fluorish and, if these bodies are not strengthened in time by proper living, proper food, proper care, fresh air and rest, the disease will advance, usually slowly and gradually, so that it takes from two to ten years to kill the patient, while in the rarer galloping form it kills in from six weeks to eight weeks.

Consumption is really a battle of life and death between the disease germs which have gotten into the body and the cells which make up the body. If these cells are well nourished and cared for, they will win out, and kill the germ; if not, the germ will win out and produce the patient's death.

The germs of consumption can only come from some one that has consumption. They are found in the spit, and the small droplets coughed up and sneezed out in a finely divided form. This spit becomes dry and is taken into the lungs in the form of dust, or it is carried to our food by flies. The finely divided particles may be breathed into the lungs directly. If there were no consumptive spit or discharges for a generation, there would be no more consumptives. Therefore, if we destroy all spit and other discharges, the disease will be prevented. Fire, sunlight, sanitary privies, sewers and disinfectants are the best agents for this purpose. If you are a consumptive, do not transmit the disease to your friends or neighbors. If you are not a consumptive, protect yourself by keeping in perfect health.

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## NEW SOUTHERN INDUSTRIES

**Charlotte's New Cotton Mill—Post Enters New Line of Manufactures. Mining and Other Operations of Note.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—Among the numerous Southern industrial and other developmental announcements reported in this wek's issue of the Manufacturers' Record were the following:

O. A. Robbins, Charlotte, N. C., and New England capitalists, arranged to organize $500,000 company to build a 25,000 spindle and 500 loom mill for manufacturing fine fancy cotton goods.

C. W. Post, Battle Creek, Mich, decided to invest about $400,000 for building 10,000 spindle and 200 loom cotton mill at Post City, Texas; will handle cotton from unginned staple to finished sheeting ready for use.

Kentucky Fuel Co., Greenville, Ky., organized to merge 14 coal mining operations on Illinois Central Railroad; properties are reported as valued at $5,000,000.

Des Moines, Ia., investors purchased 18,000 acres of land near Plainview, Tex., at about $500,000; will divide property into 40-acre tracts; including 200 acres demonstration farm and irrigation system; plan extensive improvements.

Interstate Chemical Co., Charleston, S. C., awarded contract for erection of fertilizer factory at Charlotte, N. C.; plant will cost about $350,000 and have annual capacity of 60,000 tons.

Consolidation Coal Co., Baltimore, Md., awarded contracts for constructing and equipping $300,000 central power plant at Hutchinson, W. Va.; concrete and brick construction.

Phosphate Mining Co., Savannah, Ga., awarded contracts for $350,000 plant to have annual capacity of 50,000 tons of acid phosphate.

North American Chemical Co., Rome, Ga., was chartered with $500,000 capital to mine haloysite and treat this ore with sulphuric acid for producing aluminum sulphate.

Alabama Iron & Mining Co., Birmingham, Ala., purchased 847 acres of iron ore land and expects to acquire 1,000 acres adjoining at Colbran, Ala., cost about $75 per acre; will install $25,000 plant with daily output of 400 tons of iron.

Travis F. Jones and James A. Logwood, San Antonio, Tex., purchased 11,000 acres of land, the price reported being about $500,000; will divide into tracts for farming, improve with dwellings and wells, and colonize; plans include fruit and vegetable cannery.

Georgia Overhead Irrigation Co., Rome, Ga., was incorporated with $200,000 capital to promote land irrigation by overhead system providing for erection of poles to carry pipes with sprinkler nozzles.

Virginia Zinc & Chemical Corporation, Bristol, Va., was incorporated with $1,800,000 capital by Bristol and New York capitalists.

Spruce Bend Coal Co., Bend, W. Va., was incorporated with $200,000 capital, by Pennsylvania capitalists, to develop coal properties.

Refuge Lumber Co., Brunswick, Ga., was incorporated with $100,000 capital to cut pine stumpage.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Baltimore, Md., awarded contract for construction of Cumbo, W. Va., coal topple, sand house, ash pit, store room, and oil house, costing about $90,000.

Long Branch Coal Co., Mount Hope, W. Va., was incorporated with $50,000 capital to develop coal properties.

Elk Lumber Co., Brookhaven, Miss., was incorporated with $50,000 capital to manufacture lumber.

Drainage District No. 5, Harrisburg, Ark., awarded $200,000 contract for constructing drainage canals.

City Ice Co., Baltimore, Md., awarded contract for plans, construction and equipment of plant with daily capacity 150 to 170 tons of ice and storage capacity of 1,000 tons.

Sistersville Electric Light & Power Co., Sistersville, W. Va., awarded contracts for constructing and equipping 2,000 horsepower plant; cost $95,000.

Courtney & Harwood Stave Co., Charleston, W. Va., was chartered with $25,000 capital to manufacture staves.

United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co., New York, awarded contract for 1,500 tons of structural material for additional buildings at Birmingham, Ala., plant.

Miami Machine Co., Parkersburg, W. Va., was chartered with $200,000 capital stock.

Universal Concrete Tie Co., New Orleans, La., will be incorporated with $200,000 capital to manufacture concrete railway ties.

Among the many buildings announced were the following:

$60,000 residence and garage at Washington, D. C.; $25,000 armory at Huntington, W. Va.; $22,000 store building at San Antonio, Texas; $10,000 church at Roxton, Tex.; $25,000 church at Gainesville, Tex.; $150,000 to $200,000 college buildings at Radford, Va.; $125,000 theatre at Norfolk, Va.; $20,000 school at Eau Claire, S. C.; $40,000 school at Natches, Miss.; $35,000 church at Dillon, S. C.; $22,000 lodge building at Montgomery, Ala.; $20,000 moving picture theatre at Baltimore, Md.; $36,000 court house at Hazard, Ky.; $50,000 hotel at Tarpon Springs, Fla.; $75,000 church at Temple, Tex.; $42,000 court house at Mount Vernon, Tex., and $35,000 reformatory building at Jordonia, Tenn.


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### THE HEN PRODUCT

**Factors Influencing Quality in Eggs on Farms**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Farmers and those handling eggs commercially, as well as the housewives and other consumers of eggs, will be interested in Secretary Wilson's remarks on two systems in vogue in the egg trade.

The system of marketing eggs in general use in the Middle West, known to the trade as the "case-count" system, has proven detrimental to quality. Briefly, case-count buying consists of the payment of the fixed price which happens to be current at the time for each and every dozen which may be offered for sale, regardless of whether the eggs themselves are good, bad or indifferent. The only requisite in most cases to consumate a sale is for each egg to have an intact shell. No more practical step can be taken in improving quality than to discard this system of buying and replace it by the one known to the trade as "loss-off."

Where the "loss-off" system is in use the eggs as bought are 'candled," that is subjected to a test which shows quite definitely their condition and quality. By this test, it is possible to detect 'rots," "spots," and other deteriorated eggs, such as shrunken, weak, watery, and heated eggs. In paying for eggs bought on this basis, the rots and usually the spots and blood rings are thrown out entirely, so that they become a dead loss to the persons responsible for them. Such a classification and method of payment is a distinct step forward and results in a great improvement in the eggs.


**Lightning Kills Few.**

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach troubles is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

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## MOSTLY CONTEMPLATIVE

By T. W. CHAMBLISS.

Great men do great things easily, It is no harder for a lion to roar than it is for a mouse to squeal.—Ram's Horn.

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Take away the refining influence of woman, and one man in every three would soon have bristles on him.—Ram's Horn.

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You know all that you need to know about a man when you know what kind of a god he worships.—Ram's Horn.

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There would be more revivals if more of the preaching were aimed at the sinners on the front seats.—Ram's Horn.

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Keep the heart right. Mental sunshine is a commodity we have the most of the more we give to others.

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The storm is seldom and brief; the calm is the usual thing. Yet we are prone to remembering the storm and forgetting the peaceful days.

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It is said, "A fool and his money are soon parted," but a man spiritually wise and his money may remain inseparable. That is, the result of his money spent in a good cause will abide with him forever.

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If a man in the struggle of life sees God and Christ and duty all around him, that thought will be a helmet for his head.It will keep his brain and mind clear, quiet, prudent to receive and know what things he ought to do. —Charles Kingsley.

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Truly that great Householder, whose house is the universe, will be no man's debtor, but will bring forth his treasures things new and old. All holy desires shall be fulfilled; nor shall even mere blameless desires be unaccounted of, please God—Christina G. Rossetti.

Among all the blessings for which mortals should give thanks the blessing of a thankful heart should have a high place. This spirit of gratitude, which recognizes God's guidance in all of life, and is not merely resigned to his providences, but grateful for them, is a trace of the divine in the human. For it was God's own Son who taught men to say: "Father, I thank thee."

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"Oft we hear hope sweetly singing
Softly in an undertone;
Singing as if God had taught her,
It is better farther on."

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We should not be too hastily judged because we see in others wnat we overlook in self. I can not be expected to see the nose on my own face as plainly as I see the nose on my neighbor's face, can I? Let us be reasonable.

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Noting the wickedness of men, we, in our discouragement, are led to think that they are not worth saving But God thought they were, and gave His Son to death to save them. We, in our discouragement, should make a note of this also.

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"Somebody did a golden deed,
Proving himself a friend in need;
Somebody's work bore joy and peace,
Surely his life will never cease."
Was that somebody you?

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I thank God that I am awake, and life is pulsing through my veins. I have a part in the great world. I can be a little center from which shall radiate peace, kindliness and good will. I thank God for opportunity.

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It does not change the truth because men refuse to obey it. It is the truth still. It is he who "turns away his ears from hearing" it that is damaged. Men "can do nothing against the truth," and they are certain to learn it, sooner or later.

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Your life will be no higher than your aims. If your aim is no higher than to herd the ignorant, and you are satisfied with the association of a low-grade life, you will never reach a higher plane yourself. I uave for years noted the fact that a man is as his associates are, and further, I have noticed that the lowest of a company invariably drags his fellows down to his level, and not the highest lift them to his height. To rise, the evil associates must be abandoned.

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We must be ready for unexpected calls and new responsibilities. The Samaraitan who rode down from Jericho had nothing to do in the morning but follow that highway, and take care that his beast did not stumble or hurt itself, or get tired out so it could not finish the journey.—But at noon, when he came to the place where that unknown pilgrim lay senseless and bleeding beside the road—then, in a moment, the Samaritan's duty changed, and God called him to be a rescuer, a nurse, a helper of the wounded.

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"By the blossoms on the grave,
for the dearest dead we have;
By the quiet after tears;
For the love of all these years.
For the loyalty that death
Gave a life to, and a breath;
For the royal right of love,
Silence, absence, time to prove,
For the joy of being true—
Truest! Nearest! Best! to you—
God of life and death we pray,
Hearken to our thanks today."

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"To keep my health,
To do my work,
To live,
To see to it I grow and gain and give;
Never to look behind me for an hour,
To wait in weakness and to walk in power,
But always fronting forward to the light
Always, always facing toward the right.
Robbed, starved, defeated, fallen wide astray,
On with what strength I have back to the way!"

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There may be many who grow old prematurely. They lose the freshness of innocence, of hope, of love while they are yet young in years. They are like a faded flower from which the beauty and fragrance have departed. They have lost interest in their home, their work and in life. To them poetry has lost its beauty, friendship its sweetness, and music its charm.

Why is it? In some cases the spirit may have been broken by sorrow and affliction. Some have been defeated in the struggle with hardship and difficulty. But the principle trouble is within. They have lost touch with God. Their vision of the Lord has become obscured. The fastenings of their faith have given way.

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The law of life is a law of growth. "First the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear." Some men boast that they never change. They hold the same opinions today that they held twenty years ago. They stand just where their fathers stood. They are consistent. This boast does little credit to their heart or brain. God alone is unchangeable and He knows the end from the beginning.

Most men are ready to superannuate long before they are seventy But at seventy Mr. Gladstone took a fresh start, and the most brilliant part of his career was that which followed. He stirred the House of Parliament with his eloquence and astonished the world with his statesmanship after he was eighty years of age. One who keeps his spirit fresh and green will never grow stale.

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Ascending Mount Washington is an interesting experience. At the foot of the mountain the range of vision is narrow. As one goes higher and higher the field of vision enlarges, and when he stands on the hoary summit of the mountain he has a view worth a journey of many thousand miles. Fields, farms, villages, towns, forests, lakes and mountains are within full view. Far away over the mountains and field the distant scene rises before him until his soul is oppressed with a sense of sublimity.

So it is with life. Rising higher year by year, the range of vision enlarges and life becomes fuller and richer. The soul increases in knowledge and wisdom in joy and peace. Life is larger at eighty than at forty Read, study, think, observe, listen to the voices that are sounding through the world. Hear the voice of God in nature, in the Bible. Learn of the great Teacher. There is no limit to His ability to instruct, and no limit to our capacity to learn. Live a life of glad and loyal service, and thy spirit shall be fresh as the morning when the shades of evening gather.—Christian Advocate.

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Trustworthiness is contagious; and so is untrustworthiness. One of the surest ways to make others trustworthy, and show them that we believe they are. This habitual trusting of others is also one of the surest ways to build up our own trustworthiness. And one of the surest to destroy the trustworthiness of ourselves and of others is to be constantly doubting others. Jesus, of all men, who ever lived on earth, the worthiest of complete trust, had and showed more confidence in the good of others than any man who ever lived. His every confidence in mankind raised mankind to a higher standard of trustworthiness than the world had known before his day. If we would be trustworthy, and expect any one to count us trustworthy we must believe in others and show that we believe in them. Unbelief injures others with ourselves.—Exchange.

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In the vestibule of a certain hospital visitors see a card bearing this advice: "Never utter a discouraging word while you are in this hospital. You should come here only for the purpose of helping. Keep your hindering, sad-looks for other places, and if you can't smile, don't go in."

"If you can't smile, don't go in." It is good advice for other than hospital visitors. Who is beyond the ministry of a kindly smile? It is a tonic to the discouraged. It helps the little child for whom the world holds so much that makes afraid, and it cheers the aged who finds life unspeakably lonely. As King Arthur's court was built by music, so the happier life we all hunger for more upon earth is built in large part by the cheerful faces we see as we bear the load appointed for us.

Smiles are as indespensable to a true success in life as money, mind and might. As long as a man can smile he is not beaten. Not in hospitals only, then, but in the home and on the street there is a call for the kindly, sunny smile. The way to have it is to get the heart right with God, and then turn the eyes to the light, for the smile that helps is the smile of heaven-kindled joy and hope.

### HEALTH PROTECTION

**What is Being Done Here Over State for People's Health**

Guilford county has employed a well-trained physician as county superintendent of health. He devotes his entire time to guarding the people against preventable sickness, to lecturing in the schools on how to prevent desaeses, and to inspecting the children for defective eyes, ears, throats, for hookworm disease, etc.

Twenty-seven counties have made provision for free State and county hookworm dispensaries: Johnston and Gates were the last two counties to take action.

Up to December 1st, 816 of the State's physician report having treated 24,315 cases of hookworm disease. 22,333 cases have been treated since July 1st, in the State and county dispensaries, or a total of 46,648 cases have been treated within 2 years in the State.

The superintendent of health in More county is employed for half his entire time. He visits schools lectures on the common diseases, and inspects the children for curable affections.

The Board of Education in Rowan county has already erected sixty-five sanitary surface closets at public school houses and the county superintendent of schools reports that they are giving splendid satisfaction.

The Wake County Medical Society passed a resolution recommending that all schools of the county away from water supplies be supplied with sanitary surface closets.

An important place on the programme of the State Association of County Superintendents of Schools was devoted to conserving the health of the children.

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A cupful of ripe olives added to a beef stew just before it is taken up will make an astonishing improvement.

## A CHRISTMAS SERMON

(By Rev. E. C. Sell.)

"Unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord,"—St. Luke 2:11.

This is heaven's proclamation to earth. Long ago the angels brought it. It told of a great event. It fixed an important epoch. The world can never forget it. Each recurring anniversary puts the world astir. We stand today upon the threshold of another Christmas Day. As the moments pass by, and the day comes nearer, the significance of the occasion impresses us more and more.

**A Great Day.**

It was a great day when Moses was born. Great—because it gave to the world the law-giver and leader of Israel, who chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." The Lord conferred upon him a high honor by coming to earth and burying him. It was a great day when Elijah was born. Great—because on that day one of God's most useful men came into the world. He was a man of faith, a man of power. When his work was done, he passed into the heavens without crossing the river of death, and came back to earth when our Lord was transfigured. It was a great day when John, the Baptist, was born. Great—because it brought the forerunner of Christ into the world, who later in life, lifted his voice in the presence of the astonished multitudes, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." But it was a greater day when Christmas born. Greater—because "unto us was born that day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." He who fights our battles, bears our burdens, soothes our sorrow, takes our sins, gives us eternal life, and an abundant entrance into the Kingdom above.

"To you in David's town, this day
Is born, of David's line,
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord:
And this shall be the sign:

The Heavenly babe you there shall find,
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
and in a manger laid.

Thus spake the Seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God on high,
Who thus addressed their song:

'All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from Heaven to men,
Begin and never cease'."

That was a memorable day in the world's history. God made his great gift to man. More and more is the world feeling the enlightening, uplifting, peaceful, and conquering influence and power of His presence. In the year 61 B. C., the "most magnificent triumph ever seen in Rome was given to Pompey. For two days the grand procession of trophies from every land, and a long retinue of captives, moved into the city along the Via Sacra. Brazen tablets were carried, on which were engraved the names of the conquered Nations, including 1,000 castles and 900 cities. The remarkable circumstance of the celebration was that it declared him conquerer of the whole world. "Greater—infinitely greater; glorious, infinitely more glorious—was the first Christ, as day, centuries ago, when the real Conquerer o the world came. Yes, and He is conquering the world. In the first century Christianity had about 500,000 adherents. Today more than 400,000,000. Progress! Progress! "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. May that day soon come.

**A Joyous Day.**

Christmas, the anniversary of our Saviour's birth, is a joyous day. Cold and irresponsive must be the heart in which Christmas meditations do not kindle some joy and gladness. "It was at the time of the 'black death' in 1353", says the Youth's Companion. "One of the greatest pestilences, recorded in history, had swept over every country in the Old World, claiming its dead by scores of thousands. Men fled in terror from their fellow men, in awful fear of their breath or touch, and for weeks sustained a strange, weird seige of solitude. In this terrible fear, men became like wild beasts, refusing even a cup of cold water and the simplest service through dread of contamination.

So it continued until Christmas eve, when one man in Goldberg, believing himself the only inhabitant of the city left alive, unbarred his door at dead of night and went forth into the air. He knew that it was Christmas, and as he recalled other Christmasses, with their sacred joys and their festivity, he lifted up his voice in the song:

"To us this day is born a child,
God with us!
His Mother is a virgin mild,
God with us!
God with us! Against us who dare be?

Through another barred door came another voice in response to his own, and then the door was flung wide, and a man joined him in the street and sang with him. Together they marched through the town, giving it its first audible sound. save wails and cries of terror, since first the plague descended upon it.

The song woke strange echoes. From their living tombs men, women, and children came forth to the number of twenty-five—all that were left of the town—and marching through the death-stricken streets, they rang with new courage. "God with us! Against us who dare be?"

Whether it was that the plague had spent its violence, or, which is more probable, that the minds of the survivors were more serene, none of the little band died of the Black Death. They returned to their homes, buried their dead, and the town began to awake.

The incident was remembered and for centuries the town continued to meet each Christmas eve at midnight, and at 2 o'clock, march through the streets, singing the same old hymn. They were impelled by a sense of gratitude to celebrate their deliverance.

Dark was the night of sin. Appalling was the pestilence of evil. Horrible was the thraldom of Satan. Help came to us on the first Christmas morning. Promised help. Looked for help. Needed help. "Unto us was born that day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," He came to expell the darkness and give us light. He came to remove the pestilence and restore our souls. He came to break the bands and set us free.

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy."

This is a glad day. It ought to be so. How could it be otherwise? Let all the hosts of earth lift their voices to heaven and sing with the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

### IN ANTHRACITE REGION

**"Peace Board's" Work in the Hard Coal Fields**

New York, Dec. 23.—Only one case remains on the docket of the Conciliation Board which was established by the Roosevelt Strike Commission of 1902 to settle differences between Anthracite mine workers and operators.

Since the board was created in April, 1903, 195 grievances have been presented. What is considered one of the most remarkable features of the board's record is that while 145 grievances were presented in the first three years, only 50 have been presented in the five and a half years since the Spring of 1906. This is because the three mine workers' representatives and three operators' representatives, who compose the board, encouraged friendly relations between the employers and employes and established precedents which enabled them to settle things between themselves without recourse to formal arbitration.

The Strike Commission created the board to practice conciliation, not to conduct suits prolonged by techincal legal procedure. The policy of the mediators from the beginning has been to discourage litigation, to bring about mutual compromises and thus end disputes with the minimum of delay.

There is no "red tape." Any mine worker or operator may present a grievance at any time. After the answer is filed each may produce witnesses, and the "trial" proceeds in the most informal manner. The proceedings resemble a discussion more than an argument. The representatives of both labor and capital on the board ask questions freely, and often a case is settled "out of court," through their influence, even before the last witness is called. They brush aside technicalities and seek to get at the root of the trouble.

It was provided by the Strike Commission that, in case of a "deadlock" between the six members, the grievance should go to an umpire. Only a small proportion of the cases, however, have had to be settled in this way.

The board's record shows that the majority of grievances have been settled with a despatch that is rarely achieved in regular courts of law. Questions of a highly technical nature have sometimes caused delay, particularly when they have had to go to an umpire, but these have been few in comparison with the total number presented.

The retro-active rule prevents the mine worker's suffering a money loss because of delay. This rule provides that any decision of the board or of the umpire shall apply from the day the grievance was presented. For example, if a worker complains on December 1st that he is not receiving a just compensation for certain work, and if a final decision in his favor is rendered on March 1st, he receives back payment of his claim for the three months intervening.

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### SAVING THE CHILDREN.

There is no cry that touches the real heart of a real man quicker than the cry of an orphan—a helpless and homeless child. The ear of the lamented John H. Mills heard it and it warmed his great heart so that he gave his time, his talent, his life to the care and training of orphan children. It is the basis of much of the charity of secret societies and of churches. We have in North Carolina a number of established orphan homes, and so far as we know they are all doing what they can in their own way, to furnish food, shelter, raiment and training to helpless, fatherless and motherless children. Humanity's great heart commends their work and bids them Godspeed.

We are reminded to make these reflections by the report just made of another institution, not, strictly speaking, an orphanage, but what its name indicates, the North Carolina Children's Home Society, whose methods are different from the institutional orphanage, but none the less approved by thoughtful people whose faith is unshaken in the most sacred of all institutions—the home. The directness and economy of the plan commends itself to all who investigate it. By its methods helpless babies and little tots outcast waifs—but with souls to save or to be lost—are collected and homes provided for them with warmhearted, Christian people. The society receives children ranging in age from infancy to 15 years and provides homes for them.

The work of this society was begun in North Carolina, September 15, 1903, under the superintendency of William B. Streeter, who is yet at the head of the work. The report referred to shows a total of 1,161 homeless children provided for to May 31, 1911—during the seven and three-fourths years, at a total cost from the beginning of $55,210.80. This is a per capita cost from the beginning of $47.56. During the past two months—June and July—82 new cases have been handled, a 50 per cent. larger number than for any similar period heretofore.

The statement is so plain and concise that it easily carries its own comment—nearly 1,200 children furnished with homes at a cost of less than $50 each during a total of almost eight years. That is supplemental work—if such you choose to call it—to the institutional orphanages of no mean proportions at a per capita cost that leaves no good reason why there should not be voluntary contributions to the society sufficient to provide for every homeless, helpless and loveless waif within our borders.—Greensboro Daily News, Aug, 9, 1911.

### TO BOOST WILSON.

**Headquarters Will be Opened at Washington in January.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—Woodrow Wilson headquarters will be opened in this city on January 5th, according to a statement made here tonight by W. F. McCombs, of New York, who for the past eight months has been at the head of the movement for the selection of Governor Wilson as the Democratic nominee for the Presidency. The headquarters will be opened when the Democratic National Committee meets, and will remain open as long as circumstances may justify. If the Wilson prospects get a good swing when the National committeemen come to Washington, the headquarters will remain open permanently. The committee members will be given an opportunity to say just what they think about the New Jersey man's chances and prospects, to the man now engineering the New York end of the matter.

### LEAPS TO ESCAPE FLAMES.

**Man Jumps from Second Story of Hotel and Loses Life.**

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 21.—Frightened by rapid progress of flames that eventually destroyed the Hotel Grant at Grant, 20 miles from here today, Orcellus Seward, 64 years old, jumped from the second story of the burning building. He was killed. Several other persons were seriously hurt by jumping.

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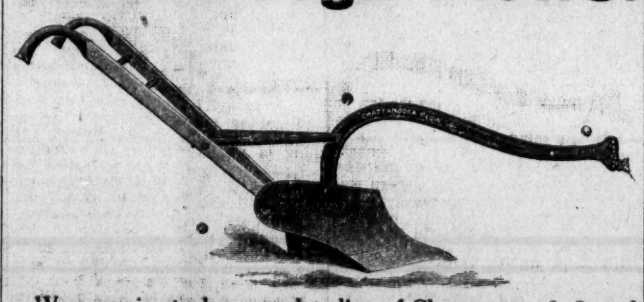

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# The Sufficiency Of the Christian Programme and Ideal

**An Advent and Christmas Sermon—Preached by the Rev. ..m. H. Milton, D. D., in St. James' Church, December 17th.**

"Art thou He that should come? or look we for another?" Luke viii:19.

We recognize this question at once, as the question of John the Baptist to Jesus. But it is no less the question of all times and of all men—on the lips or in the heart, uttered or unexpressed—it has always been and must always be the supremely important question of every soul to whom the claims of Christ, to offer the one and only sufficient programme and ideal of what human life was intended to be, are pressed for acceptance. For every soul born under the influence of Christianity it is the crucial question. If you have never asked it in the depths of your consciousness, it is not because your faith is so impregnable that it cannot be shaken in that which you hold to be one of the eternal verities of life—the all-sufficient ideal of what every man should be; it is rather because your faith has never been tried sufficiently to need reinforcement, because it has never carried a heavy enough burden of the cares and sorrows and disappointments of life to force it to question the foundations and supports upon which it rests. Perhaps your experience may be sufficiently free from the tragedies of human existence to enable your traditional faith—the faith of the Church, the faith which you have accepted and hold without question upon the authority of others whom you recognize as being wiser and holier than you even hope to be—to carry you across the dark valley of human existence without a tremor; but if it be brought closely at all into contact with the sins and sorrows of the larger world outside the safe seclusion of your own private interests and associations, you will need a faith which is strong enough to question, aye, and to doubt, and still endure, not unshaken by doubt but triumphant over unbelief.

The question of John is the expression of a doubt. But it was the kind of doubt that Tennyson had in mind, when he wrote those lines so often mistakenly quoted in defense of an incorrigibly skeptical attitude of mind:

"There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds."

The doubt of which Tennyson speaks here was the sort of doubt that is not contented with half truths, that seeks the whole truth, cost what it may, and is not satisfied until it is found. All men who feel with their whole souls the value of the truth which is at stake, cannot be satisfied with a "perhaps". Why, when all that is true and excellent in this world, all that is worth living for, is in that question of questions, it is no marvel if we sometimes wish, like Thomas, whose martyrdom for the truth which once he doubted we celebrate this week, to see the prints of the nails; or like John, the herald of the Advent of Him whose Messiahship he questioned, to have His claims established; that we may know whether Christ be indeed our Lord or not. Surely we may doubt without sin, if like John and Thomas we bring our doubts to Jesus, seeking not half truths, but the whole truth about His personality and mission, seeking not to have truth on our side, but to be on the side of truth, not contented to go on doubting, proud of our doubts, hugging them the closer the stronger the evidences of faith, without the manliness to say: I must and will know the truth. For doubting like John and Thomas we shall doubt our doubts away. And like theirs the sky of our faith shall be brighter afterward, because of the clouds and the rain.

Let us come back to John's question. It is a good question for the season of Advent. For while the Church bids us look forward to the time when Christ shall be our Judge, she also bids us look back to the time when He came as our Saviour; and in so doing leads us inevitably to take account of His claims to be the sufficient ideal of what human life is intended to be, and to offer the programme and the power that shall make it so. With John, the question, as we have seen, implied a doubt as to the sufficiency of the programme of Christianity to solve the problems and to satisfy the needs of his times; with us, it may mean that, or, it may mean also the other question—whether, after all, the Christ-life is the ideal life of the individual; whether, if ideal, it is also possible; whether with the ideal is given the power to attain it by the crucifixion of instincts and desires that are seemingly more radically and ineradicably of the essence of human nature than the aspirations and ideals to which the Christian ideal calls the individual.

That John should have entertained a doubt as to the wise efficiency of the programme of Jesus was natural. Himself doomed to an enforced inactivity, shut up in a prison cell, the forces of tyranny and wrong, of defiant vice and intolerable corruption, rampant and unchecked—it was but human that he should have looked with grave question, if not agonizing doubt, upon the seeming indifference of Jesus, and the complacency with which he seemed to turn aside from such crying evils to take up a programme of individual beneficence for the relief of the diseased and distressed and obscure members of society. He had expected that the Messiah would break the yoke of Rome, and that Herod would at once be dispossessed of his throne; but lo, Caesar still sits undisturbed in the seats of the mighty, and Herod feasts in his banquet hall while John rots in a dungeon. He had expected that a swift sure blow would be struck at evil-doers, and that righteousness would begin its reign at once; but behold, only the weak and down-trodden are ministered to and inspired with a new hope, while the powers that made them what they were, and whose removal would have dispelled the need for such ministry, continue their oppression unchacked, and almost unrebuked. He had hoped for a display of irresistible force in the interes of righteousness; but here seems to be nothing more than an exercise of unresisting beneficence. Is it strange then, that he should have sent his disciples with the question, that was almost a protest, asking of Jesus, "Art thou he that should come? or need we look for another?"

Men are asking the same question today about the Christianity of the church; they are wondering, if after all, the programme of Christianity as applied by the organic forces of Christendom is the most efficient system for righting the wrongs and solving the problems that are seemingly as rife today as ever. And the critics of Christianity are busy jeering at the apparent impotence and inefficiency of such organized efforts as are being put forth for the relief of the situation. As a recent writer in a current journal puts it: "Recent essays in which, with force and cleverness, both friends and foes have pointedly remarked upon ecclesiastical failures—how familiar are the titles, 'The Failure of the Church.' 'The Conflict of Religion With the Church,' 'Is Modern Organized Christianity a Failure?' 'The Ebb of Ecclesiasticism,'—leave the impression, not only that there are grievous errors to be criticised, but that some people are having rare sport criticising them."

But while the anxious friends and cynical critics of organic Christianity are asking such questions or passing such judgments upon its efforts, it is well, first of all, for them to remember in their despair for their own times, that the conditions which they criticise, and the attitude which they have assumed towards them, are no new thing. The same writer just quoted, after giving numerous instances of such an attitude towards the evils of the times covering almost the whole of the history of Christian civilization, remarks: "There never have been any good old times. The man discouraged now about the church would have been crushed to heart-break in the 16th century, and would have been driven insane in the 18th. The crisis is here, but the church meets it on her way up, not on her way down. When one considers the assets and stops recounting the liabilities, ceases bemoaning the inevitable ruin of those sections of the church obdurate to new truth and opportunity, and rejoices in the success of the vanguard closest to the flag; when one thinks of the increasing open-mindedness of our theology, the growing liberality of our interdenominational spirit, the passage from dogmatism to character and service in the church's emphasis, the amazing growth of the social consciousness motived by religious faith, the unprecedented missionary enthusiasm, the hands reached out from the main body of the church for many special ministries, he wonders to what age he could look to find a man who, rising in our days with a mind able to see and understand, would hesitate to say:

"Yet I doubt not through the ages one increaning purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns."

Or, as Dr. Peabody of Harvard University says in answer to the same attitude of carping criticism or desperate anxiety about the conditions in our own times and country—"It must be frankly admitted that there are many aspects of American life which tend to confirm these pudgments. Arrogant commercialism, vulgar wealth, and speculative recklessness are unquestionably features of American life, and may not unreasonably appear to the casual observer its typical traits. The chase of the dollar has been not only exciting, but prodigiously successful. When, however, one enters more intimately into the spirit of the American people, he is met by another trait of national character, which may seem quite inconsistent with the instincts of commercialism, but which is not less typical and effective. It is an inexpugnable and persistent faith in ethical idealism. By one of the most curious coincidences of human history, a people, tempted as few nations have been to unbridled materialism and moral levity, still feels in its blood a hereditary strain of moral seriousness. Changes in social circumstances may obscure but cannot obliterate these inherited traits. The American people remain strangely susceptible to the appeal of moral idealism. No public question can kindle popular enthusiasm unless it be—or at least appear to be—a moral question, which can be preached as a crusade. No public leader can command the heart of the nation unless he speak—or at least pretend to speak—to the conscience of the nation. Economic prosperity has brought with it, not indolence and satiety, but new expenditures of energy on new enterprises of public service, scientific research, and social reform. Never was there such accumulation of money, yet never such distribution of money for education, for philanthropy, and the relief of suffering. Never were wages so high, yet never did wage-earners demand so insistently new resources of liberty and culture."

So much for the comparative efficiency of the Christian programme today. What about its larger application throughout the ages. Again, let me quote from Dean Church, an English writer, "We are in danger," he says, "even in the highest condition of civilization, from the narrowing of man's horizon, and we need a protection against it which civilization cannot give. I call a narrowing of man's horizon whatever tends to put or drop out of sight the supreme value of the spiritual part of man, to cloud the thought of God in relation to it, or to obscure the proportion between what is and what we look forward to—the temporary and provisional character of the utmost we see here. To have fought against and triumphed over this tendency is the great achievement of Christianity. We hardly have the measure to estimate the greatness of it; of having kept alive, through such centuries as society has traversed, the faith, pure and strong, in man's divine relationship; of having been able to withstand the constant enormous pressure of what was daily seen and felt, not only of the solemn unbroken order of the natural world, but of the clogs and fetters of custom, of the maxims taken for granted in the intercourse of life, of the wearing down, the leveling of high thought and purpose which is always going on in society; of the perpetual recurrence, with the tides and weather, of the same story of promise and disappointment, of far-reaching attempts and poor success; of evil in high places; of the noble mingled with the vile; of good ever tending either to extravagance or decay; of character in men or bodies of men insensibly deteriorating and falling away from its standard; of wisdom hardly won and wasted; of great steps taken and thrown away; of the old faults obstinately repeated in the face of ever-accumulating experience; of the bewildering spectacle of vice beyond hope and without remedy; of the monotonous dead level of the masses of mankind. For a religion to have been proof against all this—still, through it all, to have preserved itself the same an unworn out, and still to be able to make men hold fast by and hope in the invisible, is, among the wonders of human history, one of the greatest and most impressive. Our heart sometimes fails us when we contemplate the new world of civilization and discovery. But a faith which has come out alive from the darkness of the tenth century, the immeasurable corruption of the 15th, the religious policy of the 16th, and the philosophy, commenting on the morals, of the 18th, may face without shrinking even the subtler perils of our own."

But perhaps with all these evidences of the wisdom and power of the Christian programme to accomplish the ends to which the Master devoted it, the time element may still be strong in the minds of many. "Granted," they may say, "that Christianity has survived through the ages and is still a living force; granted that through the slow process of the ages many evils have been eradicated, and new virtues had their birth—is it not also true, that new forms of evil have taken the place of the old, making the problem of the redemption of society as vital and real as ever? Is there any warrant for believing that such conditions as face us after 19 centuries will ever be altogether changed for good, or, if they are, that new and equally distressing conditions will not take their place?" Even granting that the spirit of Christ has regenerated society, and implanted a permanent principle of life that will never die, may we look also for the final sanctification of human society as well? Though undoubtedly the leaven of regeneration is working, will it ever leaven the whole lump of human waywardness and self-will? Or must we look for another advent of a greater and more vital force, before the final redemption is accomplished?" The only answer to such a question, it seems to me, is another: What conceivable programme for the redemption of the world can there be which will either supercede or add to that which Christ has left the world? What new principles of righteousness other than those contained in His Gospel? What greater regenerative force than that which has outlived so many crushing disasters and wrought such mighty changes? Is the difficulty after all, that we have not sufficient light with sufficient power to apply it, or that we are not using either the light or the power that is given us? Do we need more revelation of new principles, or more application of the old?

No intelligent person, studying history or experienced in the efforts of men to reform existing evils, can today make the mistake of John—of thinking that the reformation of society can be accomplished by any external enforcement of law, however high or righteous the system of law may be. Every such earnest student must recognize the fact that every great moral advance has come from within the individual and worked itself out to the circumference of society; and what is that but the programme of Christianity, what is that but the method of Christ? The evils that are still around us, let us bear in mind that it is not an abstraction, a system, or an idea, which has to face them; it is we who believe—the spirit of Christ, not floating about in the air, but incarnated in us. The influence of the church on society means in its ultimate shape, the influence of those who compose it. The Christian church is to be the salt of the nations, if Christians are true to their belief and equal to their claim; nothing can make it so, nothing can secure that what has been, shall be, if they are not. And so we are brought back to the secret of the power of Jesus; the great secret of personal influence; the key of great movements; the soul of all that is deep and powerful, both in what lasts and what makes change. "Go, tell John," He says, in answer to his doubting question, "Go and show John again those things which ye do see and hear; the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them!" There is no new evidence of the effectiveness of His programme given John; the same evidences of the healing and regenerating power of Christ, which he already had, are simply rehearsed. And its secret is the same as it has been in every successive age,—the application of vital principles through the medium of personal influence.

But there is another and subtler doubt, which may find expression in this question of the Baptist's, not present in his mind, but oftener than is suspected by the individual himself, concealed in the thought of the day, especially as expressed in modern materialistic philosophy, in the fiction of the day, and in the current opinions of the times. It is this—is the ideal as exemplified in the person and character of Christ the sufficient ideal of our manhood? Was Christ the natural flower of the race—"the coming man"—for whom all the ages have looked and waited, or was His type a forced type, an exotic, of the hot-house of an unnatural moral philosophy? Is He, and the manhood which He illustrated, the true type of what man at his best and truest expression was intended to be; or is the ideal to which He calls men, one that is both artificial and impossible of attainment by the normal man?

This is a bold question, and one which I am sure would hardly find expression, in the frank form in which I have put it, on the lips of any here present. But it has found expression in our own times, and the answer that it has found in the writings of Nietsche, Bernard Shaw, and H. G. Wells, which, while in its grosser form it shocks the finer sensibilities of the more reverent and would be avoided even by the average man, has filtered down through the literature of the day and been refined and sublimated until it almost appears to many to be at last the practical and working ideal of the race. Nietsche, and his closest follower, Bernard Shaw, boldly declare that "One must learn to love himself * * * with a wholesome and healthy love, so that one is sufficient to himself, and does not run about in ways which are described as love of one's neighbor. * * Life is essentially the appropriation, the injury, the subduing of the alien and weak. It is suppression, compulsion, the enforcing of its own forms. It is assimilation, and at the least and gentlest, exploitation. You have no duty. Assert yourself. Seek your own pleasure. Satisfy your own desire. All else is illusion misdirected sentiment, and in the end social degeneration." In other words, the true expression of life, according to these philosophers, is the unbridled gratification of one's desires, the triumph of the strongest instincts, the bringing to their utmost development the passions, the appetites, the ambitions, the cultivation up to its highest point of realization of a splendid beasthood. And this result, these men call the Superman. He is to be "the coming man," the final goal of all the struggles and agonies of the race in its travail to realize its final result.

Such a theory, I feel sure, is utterly repugnant to you. It is against your nature. However selfish any man may be, there are moments in his life when unconsciously he tramples under foot such suggestions of his right to unbridled gratification, he repudiates without thought the idea that the rule of the strong over the weak for the selfish exploitation of the weak is the ideal life. Whenever a mother asserts the sacrificing love of her motherhod, whenever a father flings himself unreservedly without thinking of his own needs between his child and want, whenever a friend without thought of return lavishes his service upon his friend, whenever a patriot or soldier pours out his life blood for his country, whenever the rollicking engineer goes to his death with his hand on the throttle, aye, even when the harlot shares the bread of her shame to stay the hunger of another more wretched than she—they give the lie to such a theory of life's highest ideals, and without thought set the seal of their approval upon the ideal of Jesus!

It makes no difference how strongly men may lean toward the side of the licensed gratification of their appetites and the blind following of their instincts in the weaker moments of temptation, at their best and, therefore, truest selves, they assent, however feebly, to the rightness and fitness of the Christian ideal.

And yet though this is the common attitude of men when the choice is simply between the gratification of the lower appetites and selfish ambitions and the sacrifice of the lives and interest of others, though this is their attitude in their nobler and saner moments, when their higher selves are dominant in determining a course of action, is it always true when the conditions are more complex; when the appetites and passions and ambitions can seemingly be gratified without harm to others or irredeemable loss to what is normally acknowledged to be the higher self? Though we must all indignantly repudiate the philosophy of Nietsche and Shaw, as gross and brutal, and even against the natural instincts of our nature, is the problem quite so clear after the same philosophy has been sublimated, after it has been dressed up in the garments of specious argument and special pleading, especially characteristic of much of the popular fiction of the day? And it is the same philosophy, my friends, however attractive it may have become when applied to the complex problems of human society, under the deft touch of a clever story writer.

For exanmple, the Christian ideal, which we think we accept without question, as the true ideal of the perfect man, however far short we fall of it, is always opposed to adultery, not alone in its grosser forms, but of the eye, of the unlawful desire, of unhallowed passion, however free it be from criminal gratification; but how cleverly the fiction of the day conceals the real issue, or sets aside the claims of the marital vow in behalf of a newly-discovered affinity? The Christian ideal, not alone for the protection of the individual, but for the preservation of society, demands loyalty under all circumstances to the laws of chastity and fidelity, in thought as well as in deed; but how many and specious are the situations, which the clever writer conceives, to prove that there are circumstances when the instinct of natural love and discovered affinity are stronger than any claims of God or church or society?

The Christian ideal is against theft and lying and covetous grasping of wealth and all unrighteousness, whether under the law of the land or only against the higher conscience of human society in general; but is there any form of clever rascality or plausible vice or successful crime that has not its hero in the popular fiction of the day? Is it because of a growing liberalism among men—a liberalism that, before it pronounces upon the right or wrong of anything, must first know whether there are extenuating circumstances that may justify the seeming evil of the conduct under consideration? Is there a justification for every evil? Is sin only good in the making, excusable mistake, or the trick of unkindly fortune? Are any evils to be accepted as necessary evils—necessary, forsooth, because of the strength of passion, the weakness of the will, the call of the wild in human nature? Are we ever justified in yielding to any instinct or passion of our natures, because it seems to be the strongest impulse of our natures at the moment of its appeal?

If we answer any of these questions in the affirmative, are we not, even while accepting the Christian ideal as the only perfect and ultimate goal of what we were intended to be and to do, voicing a doubt of the genuineness of its claims upon us under all circumstances, and reiterating the question of John, "Art thou He that should come as the supreme exemplar of our humanity, and our all-sufficient Savior from our sins? or need we to look for another who shall be truer to our actual needs and final destiny."

But I have not come yet to the subtlest of all doubt, the doubt which men are least apt to recognize in themselves. It is not the doubt that finds expression on the lips, or lurks within the hidden recesses of the heart; it is the doubt that manifests itself in the life. Subtler than all the infidelities of the intellect, or the conscience, is the infidelity of conduct and character, the infidelity of professed faith, the infidelity of smug complacency, which is far from harboring such a question as John's as to the theoretical ideal of right living; but that in the daily walks and daily occupations of life shows forth in a man's life that what he professes with his lips is a sham, a hypocrisy and a lie. It were better with John or Thomas [illegible] with passing doubts of the righteousness of the claims of Christ to our faith in Him as the supreme ideal—the Way, the Truth and the Life—than with Judas to hold to him seemingly without even the passing shadow of a doubt in the days when to follow Him was fame and glory and then in the hour of His need, to betray Him with a kiss!

It is good for all of us at times to doubt our own faith; to search our own lives and hearts for signs of hidden disloyalty to the ideals which we profess; to judge ourselves that we be not judged of the Lord and our fellowmen, and so bring discredit upon His name now and confusion upon ourselves hereafter; to examine ourselves whether we truly repent us of our sins past, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in His holy ways. It is only so that we may draw near with faith, and claim the Holy Sacrament of His life and death as the symbol of what we are striving to make our own, and, because we have accepted it as the goal of our endeavor, are given the right to set it in the place of our own, until we shall have reached the goal and pattern of our endeavor.

Is your life asking no questions of an onlooking world as to the sufficiency of the ideal in Christ, my friend? Though secure in the orthodoxy of your creed, is your conduct voicing no doubts of its genuineness before the eyes or in the minds of the world? Is it arousing no disposition among your fellows to ask the question of John, "Art Thou He that should come? or need we look for another?" of the Christ, whose failure to make of your life what you profess with your lips is only too patent in your conduct? Are you straight in your business—not only as straight as the law requires of you, but as straight as the Christian ideal which you hold demands of you? Are you pure in your life—not only as pure as a distorted code of masculine license requires, but as pure as you believe the Christ, as the one ideal of chaste manhood, was? Are you generous in your dealing with your fellows, not only as generous as a hard competitive standard of business will allow you to be, but as generous as the Golden Rule of the Gospel of Christ, which by your acceptance of Him you have tacitly acknowledged to be the guide and norm of your dealings with men? To sum it all up in one sentence, is your conduct such that when men see you they take notice that you have been with with Jesus, and so are drawn after you to Him; or is it such that they lose faith both in His ideal and His power to save, and are driven to ask the skeptical question of Pilate. "What is truth?" or the disappointed question of John, "Is the Christ after all He that should bring to fruition the hopes and aspirations of humanity? or need we look for another?"

It is not the world only that shall be disappointed; it is he also whom you have denied in your life while you professed Him with your lips, who said, "Not every one that saith unto me 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

"And I remember still
The words, and from whence they came.
But he that doeth the will.
And him evermore I behold
Walking in Galilee,
Through the corn-field's waving gold
By the shores of the Beautiful Sea.
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And that voice still soundeth on
From the centuries that are gone
To the centuries that shall be.
From all vain pomps and shows,
From the pride that overflows.
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Poor, sad, humanity,
Through all the dust and heat,
Turns back with bleeding feet
By the weary round it came,
Unto the simple thought,
By the great Master taught,
And that remaineth still,
Not he that repeateth the name
But he that doeth the will."

## TOO FAST CARS.

**Company Made Agreement With Individual on Getting Way.**

Nashville, Dec. 21.—At what speed shall the Nashville interurban line run its cars past the residence of James E. Caldwell, president of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company is a problem which the State railroad commission has declined to act on.

In securing a right of way past the Caldwell home several concessions were exacted of the road. One limited the speed at this point to 10 miles an hour. The contract was put into a chancery decree. Now 79 citizens of Franklin, a terminus of the road, have petitioned the railorad commission to compel nigher speed at the Caldwell home, alleging that every car is delayed two minutes there. The commission, however, holds that the matter is one for the courts, said Commissioner Frank Avent.

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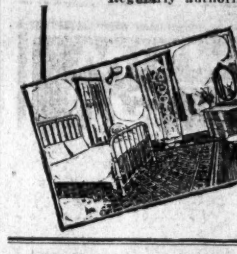

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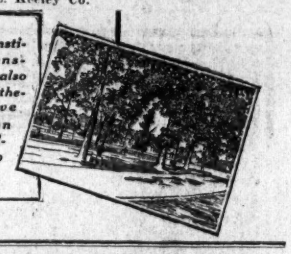

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